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'Int'l crude cost must be stable to cut fuel price'

PETROLEUM Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said on Saturday that oil companies will be in a position to look at the issue of reducing petrol and diesel prices if the international crude cost remains stable and these firms have a good next quarter. The Narendra Modi-led government has ensured that there is no rise in oil prices since April 2022, the BJP leader said and noted that the government will make certain that consumers suffer no hardship.

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

Department of Information and Public Relations

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5 Walking the Talk
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Shakti

Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Shri D.K. Shivakumar accompanied by Hon'ble Minister of Transport Shri Ramalinga Reddy in a press conference held on the implementation of guarantee schemes.

Bus Travel for Women is now FREE Starting Today

A woman is the world to everyone around her, but she often sacrifices her own in the process. Her dreams for her brothers, her ambitions for her husband and parents, her career for her children!

A woman is born with wings but she seldom flies. All that she needs is a small nudge. Even an eagle needs a push after all.

Shakthi, the free bus travel guarantee by the Karnataka government, led by Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Siddaramaiah, is being launched today. It is a small nudge to help her fly.

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Go out and reclaim your world!

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First step towards Women Empowerment

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- All women, girl students and transgenders who are domicile of Karnataka eligible for free bus travel
- Free bus travel facility available on BMTC and all other city bus services in Karnataka State
- Free bus travel facility available on all the intra-state non-AC shuttle and express buses operated by KSRTC, NWKRTC, KKRTC
- There is no distance limit for travel within Karnataka State

- Register online on Seva Sindhu portal to avail Shakthi smart card which will enable free bus travel facility
- Until Shakthi smart cards are issued, free bus travel can be availed by producing a valid photo identity card issued by Government of India, Government of Karnataka or Government-owned offices

"To protect and respect our varied culture and traditions"
-is the fundamental duty of every Citizen of our Country. Enshrined in the Constitution

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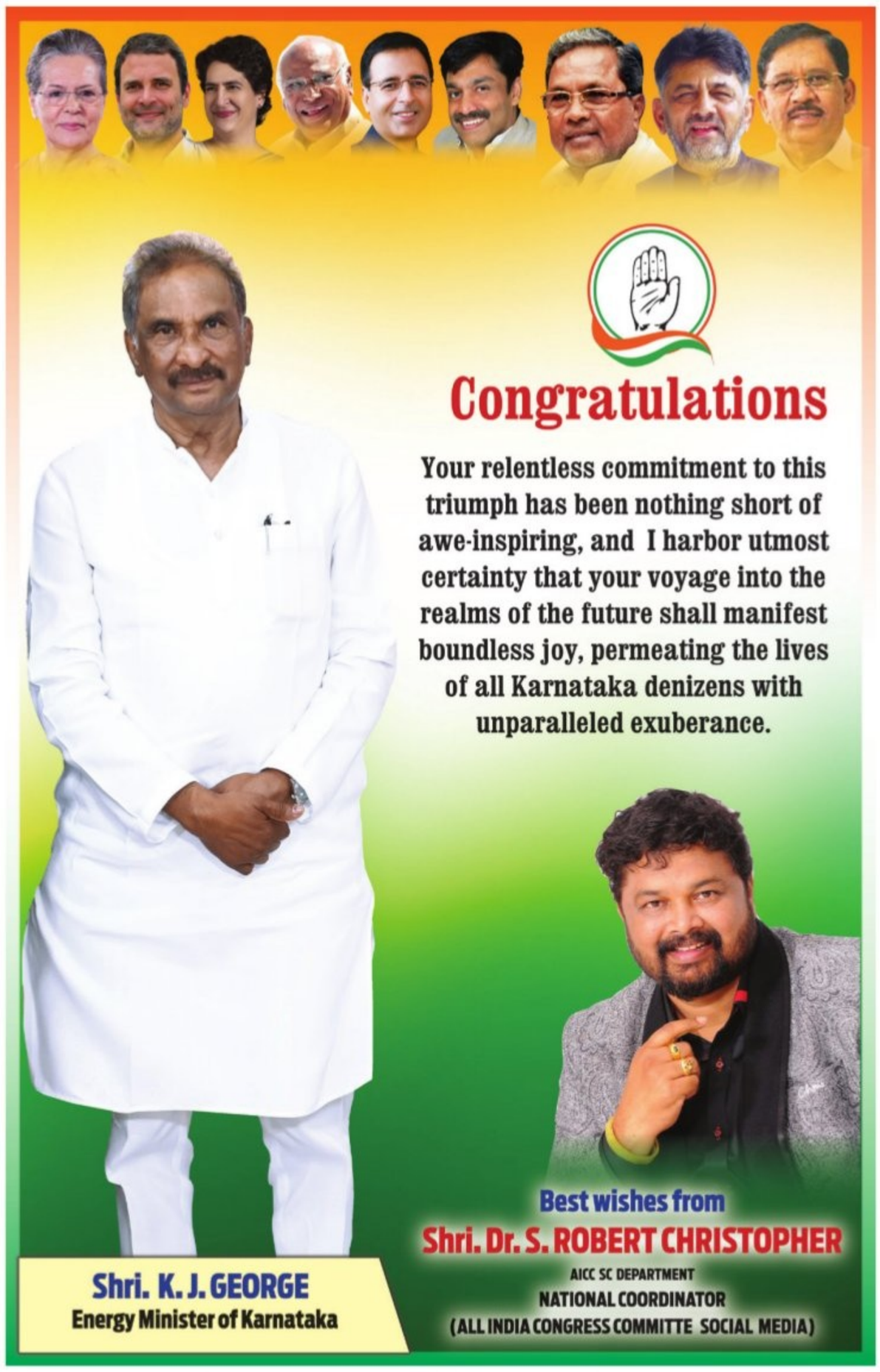
Congratulations
Your relentless commitment to this triumph has been nothing short of awe-inspiring, and I harbor utmost certainty that your voyage into the realms of the future shall manifest boundless joy, permeating the lives of all Karnataka denizens with unparalleled exuberance.
Best wishes from
Shri. Dr. S. ROBERT CHRISTOPHER
AICC SC DEPARTMENT
NATIONAL COORDINATOR
(ALL INDIA CONGRESS COMMITTE SOCIAL MEDIA)
Shri. K. J. GEORGE
Energy Minister of Karnataka

YOGAKSHEMAM LOANS LIMITED

3rd Floor, Ottappath Tower, Aswini Junction, Thiruvambady P. O., Thrissur, Kerala, 680022.

GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

The borrowers, in specific and the public, in general, are hereby notified that public auction of the gold ornaments of pledged in the below accounts is proposed to be conducted at the following branches on **29.06.2023** from 10 a.m. onwards. We are auctioning gold ornaments of defaulted customers who have failed to make payment of his/her loan amount despite being notified by registered letters. Unauctioned items shall be auctioned on any other days without further notice. Changes in venue or date (if any) will be displayed at auction centre and on website without any further notice. List of Pledges:

BANNARGHATTA : 210123101840, 1841. **HORAMAVU :** 210156100389. **HOSA ROAD :** 210145100998, 1002, 1015, 1019, 1022, 1043. **J P NAGAR :** 210119105866, 5880. **K G HALLI :** 210150101040. **KAMMANAHALLI :** 210118105452, 5469, 5470, 5477, 5496, 5511, 5522, 5963. **KATHRIKUPPA :** 210131102734, 22767, 2776, 2946. **MANGAMMANAPALYA :** 210162100383. **WILSON GARDEN :** 210132102220. **CHIKKABANAVARA :** 210127103549, 3557, 3564, 3565, 3566, 3573, 3576, 3584, 3588, 3594, 3757, 3764, 3776, 3841. **DODDABOMMASANDRA :** 210133102685, 2735, 3024. **HESARAGHATTA :** 210165100716, 717, 735, 738, 739, 744, 762, 1008, 1067, 1080. **MATHIKERE :** 210114107076, 7085, 7087, 7110, 7262. **NELAMANGALA :** 210140102349, 2365, 2399, 2432. **PEENIYA :** 210134103832. **RT NAGAR :** 210111107322, 7323, 7324, 7326, 7327, 7328, 7329, 7331, 7340, 7367, 7368, 7379. **SUNKADAKATTE :** 210115106614, 6622, 6646, 6657, 6662, 6683, 6688, 6699, 6729, 6735, 7022, 7028, 7049, 7051, 7075, 7108, 7113, 7535. **T DASARAHALLI :** 210121103455, 3465, 3472. **YELAHANKA :** 210139100952. **MADANAPALLE :** 210188100282. **VENKATAGIRIKOTA :** 2101921000080. **BANGARPET :** 210186100023, 49. **CHINTAMANI :** 210146101339, 1444, 2154. **DODDABALLAPUR :** 210143101505, 1550, 1562, 1582, 1583, 1807. **GAURIBIDANUR :** 210144101958, 1970, 1978, 1992, 2010, 2027, 2033, 2040. **HOSAKOTE :** 210128106224, 6232, 6246, 6249, 6268, 6270, 6280, 6294, 6301, 6304, 6585, 6632, 6688, 6705, 6706, 6707. **KOLAR :** 210164101211, 1214, 1221, 1230, 1245, 1298, 1303, 1311, 1562, 1567, 1606, 1626, 1639, 1658, 2141, 2143. **MALUR :** 210135105220, 5225, 5250, 5306, 5323, 5350, 5901, 5918. **MULBAGAL :** 210167100997, 1004, 1009, 1033, 1044, 1326, 1335, 1345, 1360, 1370, 1376, 1393, 1405, 1409, 1413, 1430, 1433, 1457, 1461, 1573, 1921. **RAMAMURTHY NAGAR :** 210149100898. SREENIVASAPUR : 210157101392, 1405, 1434, 1435, 1436, 1445, 1450, 1451, 1457, 1777, 1796, 1842, 1894, 1919. **VEMAGAL :** 210184100019, 38, 39, 40, 60, 78,98, 298, 279, 283, 291, 339, 357. **BM ROAD RAMANAGARA :** 210180100041, 632, 649, 812. **CHANNAPATNA :** 210141102147, 2168, 2177, 2183, 2226, 2274, 2286, 2290, 3238. **CHANNARAYAPATNA :** 210161101109, 1110, 1117, 1122, 1123, 1134, 1137, 1147, 1170, 1194, 1203, 1213, 1215, 1216, 1217, 1560. **HALAGURU :** 210182100009, 11. **K M DODDI :** 210155100510, 633. **KANAKAPURA :** 210185100000, 003, 016, 032. **KUNIGAL :** 210152101049, 1062, 1071, 1101, 1105, 1122. **MADDUR :** 210148100946, 950, 954, 983, 984, 988, 989, 992, 1010, 1014, 1019. **MAGADI :** 210153100830, 858, 1179. **MALAVALLY :** 210147101432, 1441, 1506, 1507, 1508, 1509, 1516. **MANDYA :** 210181100396, 417. **RAMNAGAR :** 210142102246, 2265, 2275, 2286, 2324, 2344, 2759, 2805, 2823. **TIPTUR :** 210151100982, 984, 1005, 1029, 1033, 1043, 1050, 1065.

Persons wishing to participate in the following:- Interested Bidders should price whichever is less (refundable to (Drawn on Yogakshemam Loans Ltd.) one carry valid ID card / PAN card. For more above auction shall comply with the submit **Rs. 25,000/-** or 2% of the reserve unsuccessful bidders) by way of DD day prior to the auction. Bidders should details please contact: **0487 2320102**

Authorised Officer,
Yogakshemam Loans Ltd.

RAIL COACH FACTORY, KAPURTHALA

On-line Tenders are invited by PCMM/RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No. & Due Date	Description	Qty. (Nos./Sets)	EMD (₹)
1.	12231139 03/07/2023	Retention Tank for LHB Coaches (without flushing arrangement)	87 Nos.	1,78,240/-
		Retention Tank for LHB SLR HOG Coaches (without flushing arrangement)	36 Nos.	
2.	14231081 30/06/2023	Sound Insulating wood panels (2 types) size 16x851x3075 MM size 16x900x3075 MM	3821 4548	5,02,590/-
3.	17231167 03/07/2023	Set of side wall panels for LHB AC3T USBRL Coaches	54 Set	1,20,110/-
4.	14231092 30/06/2023	AL Flexible Ducting Pipe 65x300 MM in length of 1.8 Meter	552 Metres	52,070/-
		AL Flexible Ducting Pipe Dia 125 MM in length of 1.5 Meter	4221 Metres	
5.	12231122 30/06/2023	ALMoulding Ex Flat	38905 Nos.	1,04,210/-
6.	13225849 06/07/2023	Design, Supply, Erection, Installation, Commissioning and Prove out including laying of foundation, civil work of automated Fiat Bogie Assembling line with power tools and test stations with comprehensive annual maintenance contract. As per specification No. RCF/M/Umbrella Project/Automated Bogie Assy. Line. (Rev. Nil). **(Pre-Bid Conference date: 14.06.2023)**	01 Nos.	20,00,000/-
7.	12231128 05/07/2023	Non AC area Ceiling Mounting for LHB 3 Tier USBRL Coach	54 Nos.	1,05,020/-
8.	12231104 03/07/2023	Honeycomb Partition Frame Set with AL FR HPL sheet for LHB AC-3 Tier Coach	100 Sets	5,60,000/-
9.	14231064 06/07/2023	Supply of Sound Insulating Wood panels	16584 Nos.	19,46,760/-
		Supply and apply of Sound Insulating wood panels	866 Nos.	
10.	07221283A 10/07/2023	Mushroom Head Fastening Device (Dual Lock) as per Drawing/ Spec. No. MDTS-187 Revision-1	370554 Nos.	8,48,270/-
11.	01231043 07/07/2023	Bogie Frame Assly.	537 Nos.	20,00,000/-
12.	05231132 06/07/2023	Set of Console	441 Set	1,13,340/-

1. For details and making On-line tenders, visit Website **http://ireps.gov.in.** Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF Website **http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in.** Class IIIb digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at **http://www.cce.gov.in.** 2. Tenders will close at 14.25 Hrs. on due date and will be opened at 14.30 Hrs. Tenders Sr. No. 1 to 9 will be opened at RCF Kapurthala and Sr. No. 10 to 12 will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi. 3. For queries, contact IREPS Helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23378658.

Note: GST Number of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them.

PCMM

T. No.: G-RCF/122/Store/035/2023-24 **Dated: 10.06.2023**

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our clients are intended to Purchase the residential property bearing No.26, which property is more fully detailed in the schedule hereunder from Sri.Aravindh .P, S/o. Sri.Ponmudi .M., Aged about 29 years, R/at No.31/A, 1st Floor, 7th Cross, Muninarasimaiah Garden, Tavarekere, B.T.M. 1st Stage, Bangalore-560 029, for valuable consideration.

Any person/s or financial institutions claiming any charge, lien, right, title agreement, interest or share, claim on the schedule property or objection to such sale in favour of our clients, should lodge his/her/their/its objection or claim with supporting documents with the undersigned **within 10 days** of the issuance of this public notice, failing which:, our clients will proceed with the purchase of the schedule property on the basis that there are no claims or objections with regard to the purchase of the schedule property and no claim will be entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing No.26, Old BBMP Register Khatha No.287/5/3/26, present BBMP Khatha No.284/278/287/278/5/3/6, formed out of Sy.No.5/3, situated at 3rd Cross, N.G.R. Layout, Roopena Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, presently comes under BBMP limits, Ward No.175, Bommanahalli Range, Bangalore, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 Feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq. ft., together with the building and structure thereon of consisting of ground, First, Second & Third floor of RCC Roofing and bounded on the: **East by:** 20 Feet Road **West by:** Property belongs to Mr. Babu Reddy **North by:** Property belongs to Mr. Babu Reddy **South by:** Property belongs to Mr. Basappa Reddy.

H.T.NATARAJ, Advocate,
HTN LAW ASSOCIATES
No. 113, 1st Floor, 2nd Main Road,
Seshadhripuram, Bangalore-560020.
(Phone No.9845012696)

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Clients are intending to purchase the house property more fully mentioned in the Schedule from its present owners, Shri C.L.Krishnamurthy S/o Late C.L. Gupta and Smt.H.G.Krishnaveni, W/o Shri C.L. Krishnamurthy, Residing at No 12, 5th cross Saraswatipura Main Road, Nandini Layout, Bangalore-560096.

Any person/s asserting any right title, interest or claim in the Schedule Property or objecting to such sale in favour of my clients, should write to the undersigned within SEVEN days with all documentary proof after which period my clients shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All That Piece & Parcel of the house built on Municipal No.12, PID No.13-20-12, measuring 1800 sq.ft. (East to West-60 Ft and North to South-30 Ft), situated at 5th Cross, Gelayara Balaga, Bangalore and bounded on :

East : Road, **West :** Private Property, **North :** Site No.13, **South :** Site No.11.

T.S.RAMESH, Advocate
No.A-602, Pride Pavilion Apartments,
West of Chord Road, Rajajinagar,
BANGALORE 560 010
MOB: 9886846877.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Tiruchchirappalli Division

E-TENDER NOTICE No.TPJ/08 of 2023 Dated : 09.06.2023

For and on behalf of The President of India, The Divisional Railway Manager / Works Branch / Tiruchchirappalli Division, Tiruchchirappalli-1 invites **ONLINE** tenders for the following works as per tender notice and Complete details are given in our e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in**

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Name of the works	Approx. value of the work (₹ in Lakhs)	Amount of EMD (in ₹)	Completion period of work
1	TPJ-08-2023-01	**Zone-A1** - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2023 to 30.06.2024 in Permanent Way Section / **Villupuram.**	85.00	1,70,000	12 Months
2	TPJ-08-2023-02	**Zone-A2** - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2023 to 30.06.2024 in Permanent Way Section / **Vellore.**	57.00	1,14,000	12 Months
3	TPJ-08-2023-03	**Zone-A3** - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2023 to 30.06.2024 in Permanent Way Section / **A-Vriddhachalam.**	74.00	1,48,000	12 Months
4	TPJ-08-2023-04	**Zone-A4** - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2023 to 30.06.2024 in Permanent Way Section / **Tiruvannamalai.**	57.00	1,14,000	12 Months
5	TPJ-08-2023-05	**Zone-A5** - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2023 to 30.06.2024 in Permanent Way Section / **Ariyalur.**	57.00	1,14,000	12 Months
6	TPJ-08-2023-06	**Zone-A6** - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2023 to 30.06.2024 in Permanent Way Section / **Lalgudi.**	68.00	1,36,000	12 Months
7	TPJ-08-2023-07	**Zone-A7** - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2023 to 30.06.2024 all Bridge works in Senior Divisional Engineer / North / Tiruchchirappalli Jurisdiction.	56.00	1,12,000	12 Months
8	TPJ-08-2023-08	**Zone-B1(A)** - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2023 to 30.06.2024 in Permanent Way Section and Works Section / **Tiruchchirappalli** (Kallukuzi, TPGY, TP, Officers colonies and buildings in these area and way side station buildings and staff Qrs, of TP, TRB, TOM, SGM & AYN)	104.00	2,08,000	12 Months
9	TPJ-08-2023-09	**Zone-B1(B)** - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2023 to 30.06.2024 in Works Section / **Tiruchchirappalli,** ZRTI campus, KG, RPF training centre, RPSF battalion & Crawford colony.	104.00	2,08,000	12 Months
10	TPJ-08-2023-10	**Zone-B1©** - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2023 to 30.06.2024 in Works Section / **Tiruchchirappalli,** Divisional Office Building, PRS, Kavery Rest House, New Rest House, Health unit / TPJ, Stations Buildings, Yard, circulating area, Front and rear of TPJ, BG coaching complex, running room etc.	99.00	1,98,000	12 Months
11	TPJ-08-2023-11	**Zone-B2(A)** - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2023 to 30.06.2024 in Work Section / **A & B / Ponmalai** Sections (GOC colony, roads, school buildings, GSD/GOC, Railway Hospital and watering arrangements at Sircarpalayam).	110.00	2,20,000	12 Months
12	TPJ-08-2023-12	**Zone-B2(B)** - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2023 to 30.06.2024 in Work section / **A & B / Ponmalai** (Diesel Loco Shed, DTTC Training Centre & Hostel Building, T & P and RCC depot).	44.00	88,000	12 Months
13	TPJ-08-2023-13	**Zone-B3** - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2023 to 30.06.2024 in Work section / **A & B / Ponmalai** (Inside Central Workshops area) in Tiruchchirappalli.	159.00	3,18,000	12 Months
14	TPJ-08-2023-14	**Zone-C1** - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2023 to 30.06.2024 in Permanent Way Section / **Cuddalore Port Junction.**	49.00	98,000	12 Months
15	TPJ-08-2023-15	**Zone-C2** - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2023 to 30.06.2024 in Permanent Way Section / **Mayiladuturai.**	82.00	1,64,000	12 Months
16	TPJ-08-2023-16	**Zone-C3** - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2023 to 30.06.2024 in Permanent Way Section / **Thanjavur.**	56.00	1,12,000	12 Months
17	TPJ-08-2023-17	**Zone-C4** - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2023 to 30.06.2024 in Permanent Way Section / **B-Thiruvarur.**	44.00	88,000	12 Months
18	TPJ-08-2023-18	**Zone-C5** - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2023 to 30.06.2024 in Permanent Way Section / **A-Thiruvarur.**	49.00	98,000	12 Months
19	TPJ-08-2023-19	**Zone-C6** - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2023 to 30.06.2024 in Permanent Way Section / **Tiruturaipundi.**	44.00	88,000	12 Months
20	TPJ-08-2023-20	**Zone-C7** - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2023 to 30.06.2024 in Permanent Way Section / **Pattukkottai.**	44.00	88,000	12 Months
21	TPJ-08-2023-21	**Zone-C8** - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2023 to 30.06.2024 in Permanent Way Section / **Kumbakonam.**	56.00	1,12,000	12 Months
22	TPJ-08-2023-22	**Zone-C9** - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2023 to 30.06.2024 in Permanent Way Section / **B-Vriddhachalam.**	22.00	44,000	12 Months
23	TPJ-08-2023-23	**Zone-C10** - Zonal piece work contract for the period from 01.07.2023 to 30.06.2024 all Bridge works in Divisional Engineer / East / Tiruchchirappalli Jurisdiction.	49.00	98,000	12 Months

Sl. No. 01 - 07 : Tender closing date and time : 03.07.2023 at 11.00 Hrs.
Sl. No. 08 - 13 : Tender closing date and time : 03.07.2023 at 15.00 Hrs.
Sl. No. 14 - 18 : Tender closing date and time : 05.07.2023 at 11.00 Hrs.
Sl. No. 19 - 23 : Tender closing date and time : 05.07.2023 at 15.00 Hrs.

Note : It is the responsibility of the tenderer to check any Corrigendum issued for any correction or modifications uploaded subsequently in website, the same shall be taken into account while submitting Tender.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform general public that I **G.VENKATARAMANA** Son of Late G.C.K. Somayaji, Aged about 58 years R/at, No.295, I Main, BSK 3 rd Stage, BANGALORE-560 085, had entered in to agreement of sale for purchase of 45 sites of different dimensions situated in residential converted Lands in Survey No's 223/2, 223/3, 223/1, 232/2, 221/3, 225/2, 233/2, 208/2, 224, 226, 225/4, 227/2A, 227/2B, 227/1-A, 228/2, 233/4, 223/1, 208/3, 208/4, 231, 233/3, 230, 225/1, 225/3, 233/1, 230/2, 227/2A1, 206, 207/4 & 208/9, etc., **Totally measuring 9349.47 sq meters or 1,00,647.04 Square Feet,** situated at **ilavala Village, ilavala Hobli, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru District** from its registered owner **Smt. N.REKHA, W/o L. NAGARAJ SETTY,** Bangalore and partnership firm **M/S ASSET SHOPEE,** Mysore.

Since there was a breach of the contract, a suit for enforcement of the said agreement of sale, dated 04-11-2019 is filed before the Addl. Senior Civil Judge, at Mysuru in O.S. 1294 of 2022 and the same is pending consideration.

It has come to my knowledge that the said **SMT.N.REKHA** and **ASSET SHOPEE and its retired partner MRS. RAJANIDEVI** are trying to sell the above said property despite committing breach of the contract entered with me. By this notice it is brought to the knowledge of GENERAL PUBLIC that any transaction done through the above said person/firm/partners/ retd partner **MRS. RAJANIDEVI** or their representatives shall not be binding on me and I will not take any responsibilities for the same and further any transaction on the schedule property shall not be binding on me in the future. Despite this notice, if any one ventured in purchasing the above said site properties, it will be at their own risk and I will reserve my rights to initiate necessary legal action against them in due course.

G. VENKATARAMANA, S/o Late G.C.K. Somayaji,
No.295, I Main, BSK 3rd Stage, BENGALURU-560 085.
CONTACT No.: 9900440961 Dated: 08.06.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client proposes to purchase the below mentioned Property from its owner **Sri.K ASHOK REDDY**, Son of Sri.S.Krishna, No.319/1, Second Floor, 4th Main, 15th Cross, Sadashivanagar, Bangalore – 560 080, who has represented that he has acquired the Schedule Property from his father Sri.S.Krishna in terms of a Gift Deed dated 05/10/2020 registered as Document No.976/2020-21 in Book-I and stored in CD.No.MLSD 584 in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar (Malleshwaram) Bangalore. Persons objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right in the Schedule Property may lodge their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within **Ten days** from the date of this publication and objections and/or claims received thereafter will not bind my client and my client will proceed to purchase the below mentioned property as if there are no claimants / objections.

: SCHEDULE :

All that Residential Vacant Site bearing No.1857/1776, situated at Judicial Layout, Allallasandra Yelahanka, Municipal Ward No.4, Bangalore, formed by Karnataka State Judicial Department Employees House Building Co-operative Society Limited and measuring East to West : 60.6 Feet and North to South : 40 Feet in all measuring 2424 Sq. Feet and bounded by:

East : 30 feet Road ; West : Site No. 1811;
North : Site No.1775; South : Site No. 1777;

BANGALORE, Date : 11/06/2023

Mr. K. P. SARVOTHAM,
M/s. LAW CORP, Advocates & Consultants,
No.G3,Ground Floor, Mohan Towers,
No. 98/2-27, Residency Road, Bangalore. (M) 9743659996.

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda

ROSARB, BENGALURU CENTRAL REGIONAL OFFICE,
Vijaya Towers, 5th Floor, 41/2, M G Road, Bengaluru - 560001
Email: sarbec@bankofbaroda.co.in

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES "APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest(Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Bank of Baroda,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower(s)/ Mortgagor(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below-

SR/ LOT NO.	NAME & ADDRESS OF BORROWER/S/GUARANTOR/S	GIVE SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY WITH KNOWN ENCUMBRANCES, IF ANY	TOTAL DUES	DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION	RESERVE PRICE, EMD AND BID INCREASE AMOUNT	STATUS OF POSSESSION (CONSTRUCTIVE/ PHYSICAL)	PROPERTY INSPECTION DATE & TIME
1	**1) M/S SMJ ENTERPRISES,** **Represented by Prop Smt. Ramya T S,** Having Place of Business at No 126, 11th Main Road, JC Nagar, Mahalakshmipuram Post, Kurubarahalli, Bangalore - 560086 and Residing at No 108, 11th Main Road, JC Nagar, Mahalakshmipuram Post, Kurubarahalli, Bangalore – 560086 **(Borrower).** **2) Smt. Gayathri M** W/o Somashekharaiah JC, Residing at No 123, 2nd Main, Laggere, Bangalore - 560058. **3) Sri. J C Somashekharaiah** S/o Channabasavachar, No 123, 2nd Main, Laggere, Bangalore - 560058. **4) Sri Chandrakumar B M** S/o Late Mariachar, Byrasandra Vajjankurike, Tumkur - 572129 **(Guarantors)**	EMDTD of Vacant site in the name of Smt Gayathri M w/o Somashekharaiah (Guarantor to the loan) No 21 Property Khatha No 46/3, BBMP Khatha Number PR/PRN/375/1/18-19 situated at Valagerahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk Measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 25 feet in all measuring 1500 Sq Ft Bounded by; East - Road, West - I.B Extension of Property, North - Remaining Property Sy No 46/3, South - Southern Portion Site No 21.	**Rs 50,15,810.21 (Rupees Fifty Lakh Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred Ten and paisa Twenty one only) as on 05.06.2023 plus further interest and other charges**	**27.06.2023 between 02.00 PM to 06.00 PM**	RESERVE PRICE: **Rs. 60,75,000/-** EMD AMOUNT: **Rs 6,07,500/-** BID INCREASE AMOUNT: **Rs 25,000/-**	PHYSICAL POSSESSION	WITH PRIOR APPOINTMENT FROM AUTHORISED OFFICER
2	**Mr. Chainrup Singhi** S/o Mr. Tilok Chand Singhi **and Mrs. Meeta Singhi** W/o Mr. Chainrup Singhi, Both are Residing at Residing at Flat No. E-708, E Block, 7th Floor, Golden Magic Block, Brigade Gardenia Apartments, Sy No 112 to 114, Kothanur, Uttarahalli Hobli, J P Nagar, 7th Phase, Banaglore-560078. **(1) M/s Maple India,** No 1091, SRNG Complex, OTC Road, Nagarathpet, Opp Shardha Talkies, S P Road Cross, Bangalore-560002, **Mr. Chainrup Singhi** S/o Mr. Tilok Chand Singhi Residing at Flat No E-708, E Block, 7th Floor, Golden Magic Block, Brigade Gardenia Apartments, Sy No 112 to 114, Kothanur, Uttarahalli Hobli, J P Nagar, 7th Phase, Banaglore-560078, **(2) Mrs. Meeta Singhi** W/o Mr. Chainrup Singhi, Residing at Flat No. E-708, E Block, 7th Floor, Golden Magic Block, Brigade Gardenia Apartments, Sy No 112 to 114, Kothanur, Uttarahalli Hobli , J P Nagar, 7th Phase, Banaglore-560078 **(Guarantor) M/s Yuvaa,** No. 98, 10th A Cross , Opp Big Bazaar, J P Nagar ,VII Phase, Uttarhalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluku, Bangalore-560078. **Reps by its proprietor Meeta Singhi** W/o Mr. Chainrup Singhi Residing at Flat No E-708, E Block, 7th Floor, Golden Magic Block, Brigade Gardenia Apartments, Sy No 112 to 114, Kothanur, Uttarahalli Hobli, J P Nagar, 7th Phase, Banaglore-560078, **Chainrup Singhi** S/o Mr. Tilok Chand Singhi Residing at Flat No E-708, E Block, 7th Floor, Golden Magic Block, Brigade Gardenia Apartments, Sy No 112 to 114, Kothanur, Uttarahalli Hobli, J P Nagar, 7th Phase, Banaglore-560078 **(Guarantor)**	**Schedule 'A' Property:** All that property measuring Six acres twenty six guntas in Sy No 112, Three Acres Twenty Eight Guntas in Sy No 113 and Five Acres Twenty One Guntas in Sy No 114 in Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk totally measuring Fifteen Acres Thirty Five Guntas and converted for non-agricultural residential purposes by order of the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore vide his order bearing No.B.DIS.ALN.SR (S) 144/98-99, dated 20/04/1999 and bearing Village Panchayath Khata No 2141 and entire property is bounded by: East: RBI Residential Layout, West: Private Property, North: RBI Residential Layout and Private Property South: Chunchaghatta Road. **Schedule 'G' Property :** 70/15862th Undivided Share, Right, Title, Interest, and ownership in Schedule F Property which comes to 356.22 Sq Feet of land share in Schedule F Property. **Schedule 'H' Property:** All that residential Apartment bearing No E-708 in Seventh Floor of 'Golden Magic' block built in Schedule F Property and measuring 1120 Sq Feet of built up area and 280 Sq Feet of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use and totally measuring 1400 Sq Feet of super Built Up area approximately with all exclusive right of usage of one Top Covered Car Parking space in the Ground Floor and the Apartment is bounded by: East: Open Space in the block ' Golden Magic', West: Apartment No E-707 in the Block 'Golden Magic', North: Open space in the Block 'Golden Magic' and South: Corridor Towards Apartment No E-705 in the block 'Golden Magic'.	**Rs. 4,14,53,282.32 (Rupees Four Crore Fourteen Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand Two hundred Eighty Two and paisa Thirty Two only) as on 27.05.2023 and Other charges**	**12.07.2023 between 02:00 PM to 06.00 PM**	RESERVE PRICE: : Rs **1,02,00,000/-** EMD AMOUNT: **Rs. 10,20,000/-** BID INCREASE AMOUNT: **Rs. 50,000/-**	PHYSICAL POSSESSION	WITH PRIOR APPOINTMENT FROM AUTHORISED OFFICER

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NAVY CONDUCTS MEGA OPERATION INVOLVING BOTH AIRCRAFT CARRIERS

One of the biggest displays of combat prowess, also involving 35 aircraft, comes amid a growing presence of Chinese forces in the Indian Ocean

FIRST EXERCISE INVOLVING THE TWO WARSHIPS

The Navy's aircraft carriers — INS Vikramaditya and INS Vikrant — served as floating airfields for aircraft, including MiG-29K, and helicopters including MH60R and Kamov. It's the first exercise involving the two of them and their seamless integration with the rest of the forces will allow India to safeguard its interests in the Indo-Pacific and beyond, the Navy said

AN ASSURANCE TO INDIA'S REGIONAL FRIENDS

- The twin Carrier Battle Group (CBG) operations were held recently in the Arabian Sea, the Navy said without divulging the specific date
- One of the aims of the operation was to demonstrate to India's friends in the region that the Navy is capable of supporting the collective security needs amid a growing threat posed by an increasingly assertive China

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Manipur peace panel formed

Assam CM visits state for troubleshooting

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

THE Centre on Saturday announced a committee for the violence-hit Manipur that will facilitate the peace process among various ethnic groups and initiate dialogue between conflicting parties.

The state remained incident-free on Saturday but given the prevailing tense situation, the government extended the ban on internet till June 15.

The Ministry of Home Affairs said the peace committee would be headed by Governor Anusuiya Uikey. Its members include Chief Minister N Biren Singh, some ministers, MLAs, leaders from political parties, former civil servants, educationists, litterateurs, artists, social workers and representatives of different ethnic groups. The committee has been also assigned to strengthen social cohesiveness, mutual understanding and facilitate cordial communication among various ethnic groups.

The BJP's go-to man and troubleshooter in the Northeast, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, visited Manipur on Saturday and met his counterpart, cabinet ministers, party leaders and civil society organisations.

"For us, peace and stability in Manipur are very important. I will report whatever discussions I had during the day to the Union home minister (Amit Shah) for further necessary action," Sarma told reporters.

Sarma, who helped the Centre in solving various problems in the Northeast, said he visited Manipur to take the confidence-building process forward. He called it a goodwill visit.

BJP's Manipur president A Sharda Devi said the discussions with Sarma did not involve change of leadership.

Meanwhile, the Congress slammed Prime Minister Narendra Modi for "betraying Manipur". "@narendramodi ji, 3rd May 2023 - Violence first broke out in Manipur. It took almost a month for you to send the Union Home Minister to the state. 8 days after Home Minister's departure, violence continues in Manipur," Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge tweeted.

Weapons drop box

As many as 130 weapons snatched from security forces have been dropped off in an anonymous drop box set up by BJP legislator from Imphal West near his home

It's official, Supriya is Sharad Pawar legatee

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

NCP chief Sharad Pawar on Saturday sought to settle the legacy issue within his family by appointing his daughter and Baramati MP Supriya Sule as the party's working president.

At an event to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the NCP in Delhi, Sharad Pawar announced the appointment of two working presidents — Supriya Sule and Praful Patel.

Supriya got the responsibility of managing electorally important states like Maharashtra, Haryana and Punjab, while Patel was given charge of states where NCP is weak, like Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Jharkhand.

Supriya Sule

Praful Patel

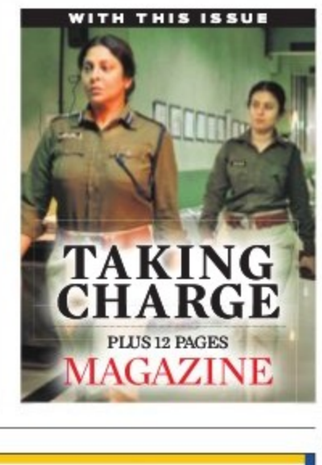
Sunil Tatkare has been appointed party general secretary. Sharad Pawar's nephew Ajit Pawar, who was angling for some big responsibility, has been left high and dry. Both Praful Patel and Tatkare are close to Ajit. "The suggestion was made by him (Ajit). So, where is the question of him being happy or unhappy," Sharad Pawar told reporters.

"The NCP chief tried to strike a balance between the two factions in the party by giving them equal opportunity," a political observer said.

The Maratha strongman will now groom Supriya in national politics. She will represent Sharad Pawar at Opposition meetings ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

It's up to Supriya to prove her leadership skills by making the party do well in in 2024 Lok Sabha elections besides Assembly polls in Maharashtra and Haryana. If party does well in these elections, it will cement her leadership position.

"Supriya's speeches in Lok Sabha shows her ideological commitment while Ajit is an opportunist. With Pawar senior appointing his daughter as working president, the confusion over his political heir has been cleared," an analyst said.



TEXTBOOK REVISION

MADHU: BOOKLETS ON CHANGES IN SYLLABUS SOON

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

SCHOOL Education and Literacy Minister Madhu Bangarappa on Saturday said that changes made to textbooks this academic year will be communicated to teachers through booklets.

He was addressing members of the All India Save Education Committee (AISEC) here. Litterateur Allamaprabhu Bettadur attended the meeting.

The committee members met the minister to submit a memorandum seeking revision of textbooks as well as repeal of recommendations made as part of the National Education Policy.

The minister said that a complete revision of textbooks could not be made as they have already been distributed to students. However, teachers would be informed about the changes in the syllabus through booklets.

Madhu stated that the Education Department would issue booklets to teachers with instructions to them to drop or add certain chapters during this academic year. The minister had previously stated that a committee would be formed for revision of textbooks. However, changes made in the syllabus would be communicated to teachers through booklets.

Madhu invited Allamaprabhu Bettadur, who heads AISEC, to join the textbook revision committee. Bettadur was part of the committee for revision of textbooks, which was headed by Baraguru Ramachandrappa.

The minister said that experts and stakeholders in the field would be consulted on revision of textbooks and other reforms to be introduced in the education sector.

Siddu govt may hike liquor prices to fund five guarantees

Critics wary of move

Economically weaker sections contribute to 85% of total consumption of liquor in Karnataka. Critics fear the govt's move may lead to bootlegging

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

THE Congress government is likely to increase liquor prices to mop up additional resources to fulfill its five poll guarantees in the state.

According to sources, the Finance Department is working out modalities for revision of Additional Excise Duty (AED) on liquor in the budget to be presented by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on July 7.

It is, however, unclear whether the tax burden will be passed on to all 18 slabs of Indian Made Liquor (IML). The slabs are categorised by Maximum Retail Price (MRP) in ascending order, and range from around Rs 56 to Rs 1,200 per pint (180ml). The last revision of AED on all 18 slabs was done in May 2020 by the BJP government soon after retail liquor stores were allowed to open partially after the Covid 19 lockdown. P9

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Bengalurean bags first rank in CIMA

Bengaluru: Dhruv Karbawala Jain, a resident of VV Puram in Bengaluru, secured All India Rank 1 in the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) exam. CIMA is a qualification for Indian, Sri Lankan and British nationals in management and related accountancy. The rankings were announced on June 6.

Devise norm for land conversion, revenue dept told

Bengaluru: The Karnataka High Court directed the principal secretary of the Revenue Department to devise a mechanism for the procedure to be adopted by deputy commissioners under the Karnataka Land Revenue Act for disposal of applications filed for conversion of the land from agricultural to non-agricultural purposes. The court passed the order as it came across several matters where the applications which were filed for conversion had not been acted upon.

Soldier heading home for his wedding falls off moving train

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Gokak

KASHINATH Shindgar (28), a soldier from Kanasageri village in Gokak taluk, who was returning home for his wedding, died after he fell off a moving train in Punjab on Thursday.

The soldier's body reached here Saturday morning and a large number of people paid their last respects. The cremation took place in the evening.

Shindgar joined the Indian Army eight years ago. According to sources, he was sitting near the door of the moving train when he slipped and fell on the track. He succumbed to injuries later.

Shindgar's family members and relatives were busy with his wedding preparations when the news reached them.

ATTEMPTED MURDER CHARGE

French judges on Saturday handed preliminary charges of attempted murder to a man suspected of stabbing four young children and two adults in a French Alps park

Threat of sea erosion looms over Dakshina Kannada coast

DIVYA CUTINHO @ Mangaluru

WITH sea erosion slowly intensifying at Subhashnagar, Battampady, Uchila, Kaiko at Ullal and Sasihitlu at Mukka near Mangaluru, the Dakshina Kannada district administration is monitoring the situation closely.

Over two dozen houses are facing danger at Ullal and the local administration has urged residents to shift to safe places or relief centres. A relief centre has been opened at Ombathukere in Ullal and special teams will keep a vigil round the clock, Ullal CMC Commissioner Vani Alva said.

Meanwhile, a road connecting Meenakaliya with Panambur has been damaged due to sea erosion. "Though the authorities have visited the area several times and promised a permanent solution to sea erosion, nothing has been done so far. Many houses may get washed away by the raging waves at Sasihithlu and Meenakaliya," according to a resident. KS Jayappa, professor and chairman, Department of Marine Geology, Mangalore University, said Kotepura, Someshwar, Sasihitlu and parts of Mukka are some of the areas worst affected by sea erosion. P9

The raging waves from the Arabian Sea batter rocks at Ullal near Mangaluru

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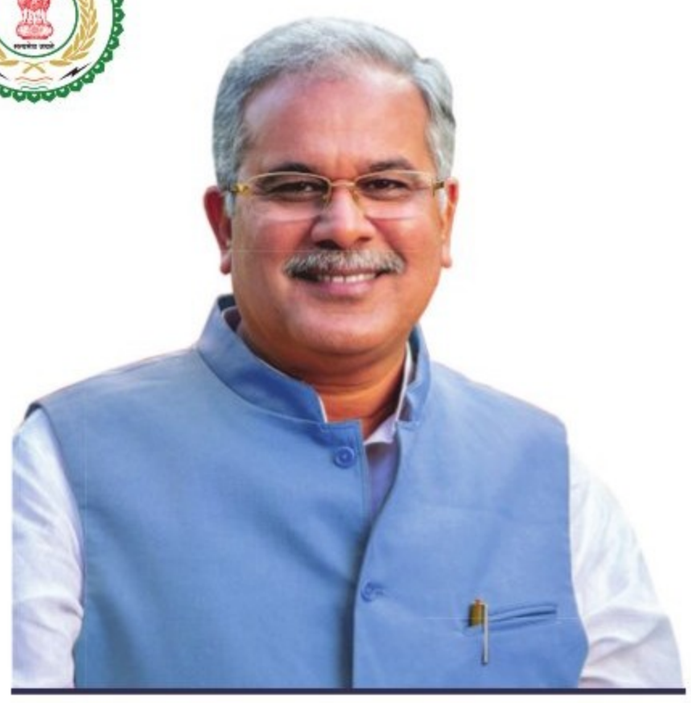
YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

Model of Chhattisgarh

LOWEST UNEMPLOYMENT IN COUNTRY

According to the Center for Monitoring Indian Economy organization, the unemployment rate in India Stood at **6.4 percent** in September 2022, while the unemployment rate in the state of Chhattisgarh was just **0.1 percent.**



Bhupesh Baghel

Chief Minister, Chhattisgarh

THE PROCESS OF RECRUITMENT IN GOVERNMENT JOBS STARTED RAPIDLY IN CHHATTISGARH

Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel has emphasized the state government's efforts to expedite recruitment for various vacant positions in different departments. The government aims to provide opportunities for the youth to work in the public sector.Following a court order, the recruitment process for government jobs in Chhattisgarh has rapidly gained momentum. Various departments are continuously issuing advertisements for new recruitment, and where the selection process is completed, appointment orders are being issued. After a long wait, the selected sub-engineers of the Water Resources Department, as well as the newly appointed junior engineers and data entry operators in the Energy Department, are feeling enthusiastic upon receiving their appointment orders. The Chief Minister congratulated all the selected engineers and data entry operators. He said that your and your family's dream of joining government service has been fulfilled. Now all of us together have to fulfill the dreams of the people of Chhattisgarh. You have a big responsibility. Throwing light on the energy scenario of the state, the Chief Minister said that the demand for electricity has increased from 4100 MW to 5300 MW in the last four and a half years. Consumption of electricity is increasing in agriculture, industry and domestic sector. In such a situation, it is the responsibility of the newly selected junior engineers of the Energy Department to maintain a continuous supply of quality electricity, to expand the power infrastructure with quality.The Chief Minister said that such a large number of engineers have been recruited in the Water Resources Department after a long time. Along with providing water to the fields, the engineers of the Water Resources Department have to take care of the supply of water to the industries and the drinking water system, for this there are great hopes from you.Chhattisgarh State Power Companies had conducted the examination in January 2022 for the recruitment of 307 posts of Junior Engineers and 400 posts of Data Entry Operators. In August 2022, appointment orders of 276 junior engineers were issued. Following the order of the court, appointment orders of 31 junior engineers have been issued. Similarly, an advertisement was issued for the recruitment of 400 posts of Deputy Engineer in the Water Resources Department. After completion of the recruitment process, appointment orders of selected 352 sub-engineers have been issued. Orders will be issued soon on the remaining 48 posts.

Chhattisgarh has secured the top position in the country by getting 197 out of 211 eligible government colleges accredited by NAAC.

RECRUITMENT PROCESS HAS BEEN STARTED

The recruitment process has started for more than 17000 vacant posts of various departments. Recently there have been new recruitments on a total of 928 posts in Forest, Energy, Water Resources Technical Education and Health Department. The hiring process for 1876 old posts is picking up pace.

Recruitments are under progress for these posts...

Teachers in Education Department – **12,489 Posts**

Training Officers in Technical Education Department – **920 Posts**

Junior and Assistant Manager and others in Apex and Cooperative Bank – **522 posts**

Researcher in State Planning Commission - **06 Posts**

Stenographer and Assistant Grade- 3- **13 Posts** in Advocate General's Office.

Junior Engineer in Energy Department – **31 Posts**

Civil Judge - **31 Posts**

Assistant Labour Officer, Labour Inspector and Labour Sub-Inspector – **34 Posts**

District Ayurveda Officer – **04 Posts**

Assistant Director, Technical in Medical Education Department – **02 Posts**

Superintendent, Assistant Grade 2, 3 and Peon in District Military Office – **08 posts**

Forest Guard, Assistant Grade 3, Data Entry Operator, Speed Writer, Vehicle Driver in Forest Department – **1920 Posts**

Teacher in Swami Atmanand Vidyalaya (Contractual) – **54 posts**

Assistant Manager in State Minor Forest Produce Cooperative – **180 Posts**

District Manager and others in National Health Mission - **114 posts**

Hostel Superintendent - **500 Posts**

E-REGISTRATION FOR LOCAL YOUTH

E- category registration has been started to connect local youths with the construction works of various departments, in which 5 thousand youth have been registered at the development block level and they have been awarded construction works costing more than Rs 200 crore through limited competition.

ADVERTISEMENT ISSUED FOR 920 POSTS OF TRAINING OFFICER IN GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL TRAINING INSTITUTES

Chhattisgarh Government is continuously carrying out the recruitment process for government jobs in the state. As part of this effort, the Department of Employment and Training has issued an advertisement for 920 vacant posts of Training Officers in Government Industrial Training Institutes. The recruitment for these positions will be conducted through the Chhattisgarh Professional Examination Board. Online applications will be accepted starting from May 8 at 10 a.m. It is worth mentioning that in accordance with the order of the Honorable Supreme Court, the Chief Minister, Mr. Bhupesh Baghel, held a meeting with higher officials regarding the recruitment process and issued necessary instructions. After which the process of recruitment by the departments is going on fast. According to the advertisement issued by the Department of Information and Communication Technology, System Maintenance, Electrician, Computer Operator and Programming Assistant, Carpenter, Turner, Driver cum Mechanic, Draughtsman Mechanical, Fitter, Machinist , Machinist Grinder , Mason (Building Constructor), Mechanic Tractor, Mechanic Diesel, Mechanic Motor Vehicle , Mechanic Refrigeration & Air Conditioner , Workshop Calculation & Engineering Drawing, A total of 920 posts are to be recruited including Wireman, Welder, Sheet Metal Worker, Secretarial Practice (English), Sewing Technology, Hospital House Keeping and Employability Skill.Detailed description of the advertised posts essential qualifications, educational experience, age limit, instructions, examination scheme, selection process, syllabus and reservation of posts etc.Detailed description of the advertised posts essential qualifications, educational experience, age limit, instructions, examination scheme, selection process, syllabus and reservation of posts etc. and other important instructionsCan be seen in detailed advertisement at http://vyapam.cgstate.gov.in. Changes can be made in the number of vacant posts and in the trade and subject. The date of competitive examination will be issued separately by Vyapam. Application forms can be filled on Vyapam's website from 10 am on May 8.

GOVT JOBS FOR YOUTH OF PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TRIBAL COMMUNITY

On the initiative of Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel, government jobs have been given to 708 youth belonging to Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups in the state so far.

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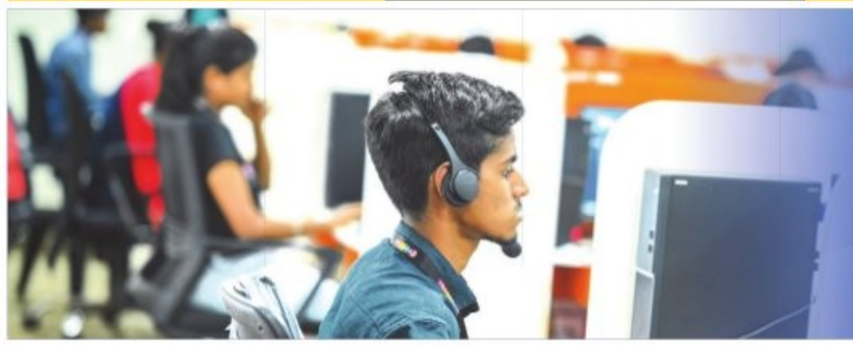

CHHATISGARH GOVERNMENT TRUSTWORTHY GOVERNMENT

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THE PRESENCE OF 'KAKA' INSTILLS HOPE AND FAITH IN JUSTICE

Samiksha Soni, the candidate selected for the post of Junior Engineer in Chhattisgarh Power State Company, expressed her gratitude to the Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel through the poem 'Kaka hai to aas hai, Nyay ka vishwas hai' ("Where there is 'Kaka', there is hope, and faith in justice"). That all of us have got employment through Chhattisgarh Power Company due to your efforts.Ayush Singh of Raipur said that such a large number of recruitments were not done in the past years. We got employment due to the efforts of the Chief Minister.Mrs. Prerna Tiwari said that Chief Minister, you have given us an opportunity to do government service, for which we all are very grateful to you. We assure you that we will serve the government with all our devotion.

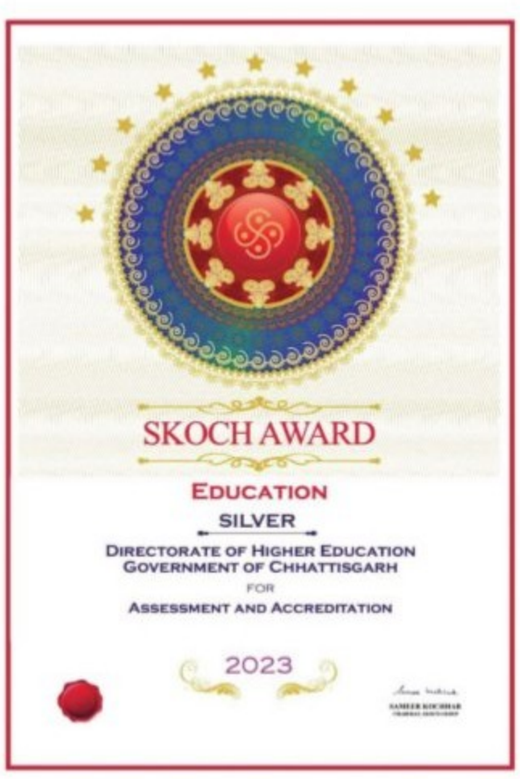
UNEMPLOYMENT ALLOWANCE SCHEME

From April 1, 2023, a scheme has been started to give unemployment allowance every month to the unemployed youth of Chhattisgarh. The youth of the family with weak economic condition are getting the benefit of the scheme. Under the scheme, every month Rs 2500 is being paid directly to the unemployed in their bank accounts. The unemployed will also be given training for skill development and they will be helped to get employment. The age of the applicant who is a native of Chhattisgarh taking advantage of unemployment allowance scheme should be 18 to 35 years and the income of the entire family should be less than Rs 2.50 lakh annually. A provision of Rs 250 crore has been made under the new head for this scheme.

A provision of **RS 250** crore has been made under the new head for unemployment scheme.

CHHATTISGARH HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BAGS SKOCH SILVER AWARD FOR "PROJECT ASSESSMENT AND ACCREDITATION"

The Department of Higher Education, Chhattisgarh has been awarded the prestigious SKOCH Silver Award for "Project Assessment and Accreditation." The department received this award after competing with several significant and noteworthy projects in the country through various stages of presentations, voting, and achievements. Chief Minister Shri Bhupesh Baghel congratulated the department officials and employees for their outstanding achievements.To improve the quality of higher education, a campaign has been launched on a mission mode to ensure an academic sub-structure and maintain academic standards in accordance with various parameters set by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). Chhattisgarh has secured the top position in the country by getting 197 out of 211 eligible government colleges accredited by NAAC.The State Government's continuous efforts have yielded positive results, with an increasing number of students enrolling in colleges. In 2018-19, approximately 2,26,373 students took admission in colleges, whereas, in 2022-23, this number increased by 48 per cent to 3,35,139. This represents an increase of 1,08,766 more students compared to 2018-19. In response to the increasing number of college students, a total of 33 new government and 76 private colleges have been established in the past four years.In a bid to promote higher education among girls, 26 women's colleges are being operated, while co-education is available in other colleges. During the academic year 2018-19, the number of girls who took admission in colleges was 1,34,391, while boys were only 91,982. However, in 2022-23, the number of male students increased to 1,28,310, while the number of female students increased to 2,06,829, indicating a 61 per cent increase in the number of female students to that of male students.



RECRUITMENT WILL BE DONE ON 500 POSTS OF HOSTEL SUPERINTENDENT

Tribal and Scheduled Caste Development Department will recruit 500 posts of Hostel Superintendent Category "D". These posts will be filled according to merit from the local resident candidates of Chhattisgarh. Its detailed advertisement has been issued by the Chhattisgarh Public Service Commission on the website of the Commission https://psc.cg.gov.in/.It is a golden opportunity for the natives of Chhattisgarh who have passed class 12th to apply for the post of Hostel Superintendent. Interested candidates can apply online on the website of the Commission from 12 noon on 20 May 2023 to 11.59 pm on 8 June 2023. The age of the candidate should not be less than 21 years and not more than 35 years as on January 01, 2023, but keeping in view the interest of Chhattisgarh state educated unemployed, local residents of Chhattisgarh state will be given relaxation of five years in the maximum age limit of 35.

NO FEE FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMS

Candidates appearing in the competitive examination in Chhattisgarh no longer have to pay the Examination fees. State Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has given great relief to the candidates and has waived off the fees to be taken in the examination conducted by the Special Junior Staff Selection Board. That is, no fee is charged from the local candidates in any Recruitment examination by the Junior Staff Selection Board. After this announcement of CM Bhupesh Baghel, the candidates are very Happy.

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- STATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP SCHEME FOR THE SUPPORT OF MERITORIOUS STUDENTS IN RESEARCH WORK

RAJIV YUVA MITAN CLUB

13269 Rajiv Yuva Mitan Clubs have been formed with the aim of connecting the youth of the state with social and creative activities and to develop leadership potential in them. An amount of one lakh rupees is being given as grant every year to youth Mitan clubs for creative activities.

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Rs 2 lakh invested to cultivate chillies and the output is over Rs 8 lakh

A DREAM AND A HARVEST

In a tribute to her father, young woman takes up farming and hits pay dirt

TUSHAR A MAJUKAR @ Belagavi

SETTING aside her dream of becoming a chartered accountant, she chose to fulfil one of her late father. Nikita Vaiju Patil threw herself headlong into the farming profession, and with her passion for planning and perfection, she has become an inspiration for the farming community.

Hailing from a middle-class farming family, Nikita (26) of Jafarwadi village in Belagavi taluk had wanted to take up chartered accounting since her school days. But last year, after the unexpected death of her father Vaiju, life changed for Nikita, and so did her goals. Her father wanted her to be an outstanding farmer, so Nikita let his dream live on, taking up farming as a challenge. In this, she was helped by mother Anjana, brother Abhishek and uncle Tanaji.

Friends and neighbours were surprised with Nikita's decision, with some even telling her family that it was not advisable for a girl to take up farming, as it was not an easy job. But Nikita stood firm, and said she would definitely prosper as a farmer.

Initially, she planted cucumbers on 15 guntas of land as a trial project. Her first attempt failed as there was an unexpected weather change which damaged the crop. This did not discourage Nikita, though, who started afresh.

Nikita recounts her father's words – that failure is the first step toward success. Keeping this in mind, she and her brother started visiting different fields where healthy crops were cultivated, and discussed the process with the farmers there. She took advice from her uncle Tanaji, who is an expert in farming. She also referred to books and online sources to understand the latest farming practices and cultivate healthy crops, besides organic farming.

CHILLI BOUNTY

Her next experiment was with a special variety of chilli, called 'Navalbatka'. She planted chillies on 30 guntas of the four acres of land owned by her family.

This required some groundwork initially. Nikita and her brother worked together, growing chilli saplings in a nursery which they have set up. Later, they shifted the saplings to their field. The saplings grew healthy and strong, and began yielding chillies in huge quantities.

w The first harvest gave a yield of over 4 tonnes of chillies, which were sold for Rs 500 per 10kg. This resulted in profits running into lakhs of rupees, surprising her family and proving that Nikita's decision to pursue farming was the right one. There are 10 to 15 women working in her field to harvest the chillies, which is done every 10-12 days.

Abhishek said he loves working with his sister in the fields as she plans systematically and works with dedication. According to Tanaji, Nikita first discusses her plans and research with him and comes up with good ideas. As a farmer, she can do wonders, he says.

Nikita is now researching different crop cultivation through experiments, with the help of Tanaji and Abhishek. She keeps updating her knowledge about farming through online sources. Farmers from neighbouring areas, who have heard her success stories, visit her field and discuss the tactics used in cultivating crops, and Nikita shares her 'mantra' of cultivation with them.

According to her, several farmers are quitting the profession and taking up jobs which provide them a monthly salary. But cultivation in a scientific manner and organic farming can help them earn much more, she says.

Nikita, who completed B.Com from Bhaurao Kakatkar College in Belagavi, had joined a Chartered Accountancy course, but had to quit due to her father's death. She said that farming had provided her family bread and butter for generations, so quitting the profession is beyond her imagination. But she is certain that after life stabilises, she will think about continuing studies to become a chartered accountant. I will remain a full-time farmer, and any other profession will have to be part-time, she says.

Udupi Kalparasa Coconut and All Spices Producers' Company Limited is marketing neera under the brand name '**Kalparasa**', providing a source of income for farmers and a healthy alternative for consumers

THE RASA OF SUCCESS

PRAKASH SAMAGA @ Udupi

IN a world that is just getting out of the cruel grip of Covid, staying in the pink of health is on everyone's mind. The demand for super foods with an 'organic' label is ever-increasing. To cater to this and also to increase the income of coconut growers, Udupi Kalparasa Coconut and All Spices Producers' Company Ltd is marketing neera under the brandname 'Kalparasa'.

Rich in minerals and other essential nutrients, 'Kalparasa' is a non-alcoholic beverage extracted from the inflorescence of coconut trees. Farmer leader Sathyanarayana Udupa Japthi, along with nine other directors and 1,028 shareholders, founded the company and obtained the licence in 2021. The company has achieved steady growth and 'Kalparasa' is a hit in the market. This tasty, nutritious and unfermented health drink is available in seven retail outlets in Udupi and Dakshina Kannada districts (Japthi in Kundapur Rural, Kundapur city, Hebri, Karkala, Moodbidri, BC Road and Mangaluru).

Udupa, who is the chairman of the company, told The New Sunday Express that the company purchased the technology developed by the Central Plantation Crops Research Institute, Kasaragod, to produce 'Kalparasa'. Later, a batch of tappers was trained to tap fresh unfermented sap from coconut inflorescence across Udupi district. The required cold chain system and portable coconut sap chillers were provided to coconut growers.

It was Malnad Nuts and Spices Producers' Company, Bhadravathi, Shivamogga district, that had first ventured into making 'Kalparasa' three years ago.

Udupa claimed that neera can protect people from cancer. "This is good for those with diabetes. Consumers have also brought to my notice that the beverage has kept their blood pressure at the ideal level. It is also a good source of amino acids," he added.

Explaining the process involved in making 'Kalparasa', Udupa said the coconut inflorescence is first sliced at the tip to collect the fresh sap from it. The spadix is properly massaged and the sap is then allowed to flow into the sap chiller later. This beverage, which when stored below 4 degrees Celsius, has a shelf life of four days.

The business model has been well thought out. A farmer gets Rs 20 for every litre of sap collected from a single coconut tree. If a farmer dedicates eight coconut trees to collect the sap, he or she will earn over Rs 1 lakh per year. If farmers train themselves to collect the sap, then they will be given Rs 45 per litre of sap. In that case, farmers can earn close to Rs 2.5 lakh annually. 'Kalparasa' is sold in different quantities. For 200 ml it is Rs 40, 500 ml Rs 100 and one litre Rs 200.

The company has 1,028 farmers as shareholders and in the next five years, the target is to increase this number to 5,000. The company is already selling close to 100 litres of 'Kalparasa' every day and in the next season starting from September till May, it wants to increase it to 600 litres per day.

This summer season, the sale of 'Kalparasa' in the coastal districts of Udupi, Dakshina Kannada and Uttara Kannada was impressive, Udupa added. "People should support this cause as we have twin objectives of boosting farmers' income and making people consume a healthy beverage," he concluded.

(From top left) Coconut tree dedicated for 'Kalparasa', sap collected from tree, and UKCAAS' Kalparasa outlet | EXPRESS

SIDELIGHTS

'**Kalparasa**' brand beverage by Udupi Kalparasa Coconut and All Spices Producers' Company Limited is sold through seven outlets in Udupi and Dakshina Kannada districts and it is a hit in the market

'**Kalparasa**' is a non-alcoholic and cent percent natural beverage

If stored below 4 degrees Celsius, it has a shelf life of four days

The objective of Udupi Kalparasa Coconut and All Spices Producers' Company Limited is to boost farmers' income and make people drink a healthy beverage

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Breathing bad: Air pollution 5.8x higher than safe levels, shows report

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

BENGALUREANS are filling up their lungs with bad air quality every day. A recent study revealed that the city's air quality has been declining steadily as measured against the World Health Organization's (WHO) guidelines.

Greenpeace India's latest report, 'Spare the Air' revealed that Bengaluru has an average PM2.5 concentration of 29.01 µg/m3, 5.8 times higher than the safe levels of 5µg/m3, set by WHO. Similarly, the city's annual average PM10 concentration was 55.14µg/m3, 3.7 times higher than the safe levels of 15 µg/m3.

"Bengalureans are breathing dangerously polluted air. Vehicular emission is one of the major contributors to urban PM2.5 and NO2 concentrations. The newly formed government must address this with utmost urgency," said Avinash Chanchal, Campaign Manager, Greenpeace India.

The study was conducted in 11 cities, including Bengaluru, Kochi, Chennai, Delhi, Mumbai and several cities in North India. The research analyzed the air quality index (AQI) in each city, and found that it was below standards on every day from September 2021 to September 2022.

FILE PIC

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Experts said that exposure to severe air pollution increases the likelihood of premature death and many medical conditions, including asthma, preterm birth, low birth weight, depression, schizophrenia, diabetes, stroke, and lung cancer.

Bus must be natural choice

Along with the alarming statistics, the report also suggested measures to improve air quality in the city. Researchers said that bus services must become the natural and primary choice of transport. BMTC fleet size should be doubled and implementing all 11 bus lanes soon, were some of the recommendations.

The organisation also mentioned immediate measures to be taken during 'pollution episodes' such as early prediction of air quality, issuing health advisories to the public, hospitals, and schools, and increasing parking fees for vehicles by 3-4 times to encourage public transportation.

Shifa, an avid cyclist, said, "As Bengalureans, it is our responsibility to advocate and demand policies. We must stop being stoic and it is high-time that we take charge of our environment and hold people accountable for it."

'95% of textbooks distributed across state on time'

DONNA EVA @ Bengaluru

FOR the first time in several years, all textbooks were distributed on time this academic year. State syllabus schools, particularly private unaided schools, had complained of lack of textbooks being issued to them.

Last year, only around 80 per cent of all textbooks were issued to schools by September, four months into the academic year. However, this year, tides seem to have changed.

"Around 95 per cent of textbooks have been distributed. This also includes the controversial Kannada and Social Science textbooks which had been revised last year," D Shashikumar, general secretary of the Karnataka Associated Management of Schools (KAMS) told *The New Sunday Express*.

KAMS had been a major voice in appealing for textbooks. He added that previously the schools would have needed to visit Block Education Offices (BEOs) several times to get their textbooks. Meanwhile, Karnataka Textbook Society (KTBS) Managing Director Veeranna S Jatti said to TNIE that all textbooks had been distributed prior to the start of the academic year. Government schools also saw all textbooks being distributed on the first day of school.

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Earlier, the distribution of textbooks had faced shortages owing to several issues, which include delays due to the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as paper shortage due to the Ukraine conflict.

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot (R) felicitates former ISRO chairman Dr K Kasturirangan during the 25th annual convocation of the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Human rights need to be injected in med edu: CJ

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@ Bengaluru

HUMAN rights need to be introduced in medical and healthcare education, said Karnataka High Court Chief Justice Prasanna B Varale on Saturday.

He was speaking at the 25th Annual Convocation of the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, where he was the chief guest. "The Indian healthcare sector is undergoing a phenomenal shift in outlook and approaches, from a traditional physical approach to an integrated digital approach. We need to explore how human rights education in the health professions can build knowledge, change culture, and empower advocacy, and seek to embed human rights norms into core social institutions. Recognising that health care systems are core social institutions, human rights need to be introduced in health professionals' education," he said.

He lauded the efforts of the gold medalist and highlighted it was a great achievement that a majority of the gold medal holders - 85 of 97- were women. The convocation was also notable as former ISRO chairman K Kasturirangan, and Karnataka State Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) head Dr MK Sudarshan were conferred with honorary doctorates.

The Kuvempunagar police have arrested five persons on charges of robbery and recovered Rs 2 lakh cash, a car, a two-wheeler and five cellphones from them. The arrested have been identified as Anil Kumar, Narendra, Puttaswamy, Abhishek and Prakash. Another accused Yoganand alias Upendra is absconding.

Ramji Nagar gang targets 3 cars in Jayanagar

Steals laptops and other valuables after breaking open windshields

PRAVEEN KUMAR @ Bengaluru

MEMBERS of the notorious Ramji Nagar gang took away valuables, including laptops, after breaking open the windshields of three cars at Jayanagar 4th Block on Tuesday. Between 8pm and 9pm, the gang targeted three cars in the locality.

Owners of the three cars filed separate complaints with the Jayanagar police on Wednesday.

One of the complainants, RS Girish, a sales manager with an insurance company, had opted for the valet service of a club to park his Baleno car.

After returning from the club, he found his car damaged and a laptop worth Rs 50,000 and an Apple Macbook Pro worth Rs 2.5 lakh stolen.

"The club management must take the responsibility as one of their employees parked my car in an unsafe place. But they refused to compensate for my losses," said Girish, a resident of Wilson Garden.

Ankit Ruparel, a marketing manager, had parked his Tata Punch SUV near "Desi Masala" to have dinner with his friends.

"Two Apple Macbook Air and one Apple Macbook Pro were stolen from my car. Using the Find My feature in one of the Macbooks, I tracked the location of the accused till Salem in Tamil Nadu," Ruparel, a resident of Panduranga Nagar off BG Road, said.

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>
> A police officer

Chethan Vishwanath, who had parked his Ford EcoSport near "Chaayos Cafe", said a Dell Latitude laptop was stolen from his SUV.

"It was raining when the accused damaged my car and took away the laptop. We were unable to hear any sound because of the rain. During inspection, the police found a piece of the safety hammer," he added.

"We suspect the accused to be members of the Ramji Nagar gang from Tamil Nadu, who target a single city, commit multiple thefts and move to other cities.

The CCTV footage revealed that the accused were on a white and blue Dio and were aged between 20 and 23," said a police officer.

Cases have been registered and further investigations are on.

One in 10 has diabetes in K'taka, says study

PURAN CHOUDHARY @Bengaluru

THE prevalence of diabetes in the country has risen dramatically and Karnataka falls in the red zone. It is estimated that the state stands at 10.6 on a scale of 5.3-16.0 on the number of diabetic cases, revealed a study. This means that a large number of people are already diabetic and many more will be diagnosed with the condition over the next five years. Researchers told TNIE that metro cities like Bengaluru are at a higher risk of having bigger populations of diabetics.

The study was conducted by the Madras Diabetes Research Foundation (MDRF) in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and funded by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The INdia DIABetes (ICMR-INDIAB) study published in the Lancet highlighted that there are currently 101 million diabetics in India, which is 11·4 percent of the total population. Pre-diabetes is also a major concern for the country, where at least 136 million people, that is 15.3 percent, are diagnosed with the condition. In Karnataka, the ratio of diabetes to prediabetes has hit a worrisome ratio of 1:1.2.

Dr Ranjit Mohan Anjana, president of MDRF and first author of the study, said, "One in 10 people in the state have diabetes, which is alarming."

The research screened a total of 1,13,043 individuals from the entire country; 79,506 from rural areas and 33,537 from urban areas between October 18, 2008 and December 17, 2020.

Dr Anjana mentioned that the gap between the urban and rural areas in terms of diabetes has narrowed.

The report read, "Only around 7% of people with previously diagnosed diabetes in India meet treatment targets for blood glucose, lipids, and blood pressure." The researchers highlighted the need to reorient healthcare priorities towards caring for individuals with metabolic non-communicable diseases, especially in rural areas as they highly depend on government healthcare facilities.

Dr Anjana said, "The cases rose post pandemic as behavioral patterns of individuals changed and many became physically inactive." Experts suggest that the only way forward is to adopt healthy eating habits, exercise regularly and invest in mental fitness.

FREE RIDE

Arrangements made in front of Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Saturday for the launch of Shakti scheme by CM Siddaramaiah on Sunday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

EXPRESS READ

Foresters arrest man for hunting deer in Nagarahole

MYSURU : The Nagarahole Tiger Reserve foresters have arrested a person on the charges of hunting a wild animal and trying to smuggle the meat, on Saturday. Foresters said they arrested Mokshith (32), a resident of Sulugudu village in Ponnampet taluk, on charges of hunting a deer and smuggling its meat. The forest staff were patrolling the forest area when they noticed Mokshith standing near a car in a suspicious manner at Devamachchi forest area coming under Anechowkuru forest range. Upon further inquiry, they found 12 kgs of deer meat, pelt and weapons which were used to hunt the animal. The staff produced the accused before the court which remanded him to judicial custody.

Hotel staffers threaten family for serving food to poor

LISHA C JAIN @ Bengaluru

A 46-year-old man, who is the vice president of an MNC, along with his octogenarian father and 17-year-old minor son are reportedly being threatened by the owner and staff of a newly opened hotel on Sarjapura Road. "Dhyan Foundation has been serving free food to over 100 underprivileged people in a slum next to the Wipro office on Sarjapura Road every Saturday since four years," said Gaurav Gupta, the complainant residing in Salarpuria Senorita Apartment on Sarjapura Road.

In April, the hotel staff threatened the family against distributing food and to shift their vehicle from the area as it allegedly affected their business. In May, the hotel management physically assaulted his father, abused his son and intimidated the family while they were serving food. On informing the Bellandur police, two officers arrived at the scene and issued a warning against the management by registering an NCR. The incident happened again on Saturday and the hotel owner was warned.

"Gupta's family had approached us last month and an NCR had been registered. However, the problem arose on saturday. Both parties were summoned to the police station. The hotel owner has been warned of stringent actions if he creates an issue, as he does not have any authority to stop any act of social service. The hotel owner wants the family to serve food 20 meters away from the hotel's premises as it is affecting their business. This issue has to be sorted among themselves," said an officer attached to Bellandur police station.

Conman arrested for cheating techie

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Amruthahalli police arrested a 33-year-old software engineer, who cheated a woman after meeting her on a dating app, from Kolkata. The accused, identified as Mudasir, from Jammu and Kashmir, created a fake profile claiming he was working as an adviser for a real estate firm in Dubai, and targeted working women. He allegedly got Rs 1 lakh from the victim on the pretext of treating his mother in the UK. After a few days, he told her that his mother had died.

The victim discovered that he was already married and had and children. The duo had a physical relationship after the man promised to marry her. After he went incommunicado, she searched his social media accounts and got in touch with his brother who told her that their mother was in Kashmir. When he refused to return her money, she registered a case.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the public that our client is intending to purchase the property mentioned in the schedule hereunder from its owner Late Shivaswamy K C, represented by his Legal Representatives, GR Nagarathna, W/o. Late Shiva sway K C, Asha Latha S and Satish Babu KS, children of Late Shivaswamy K C. If anyperson/s have any right, title, or claim in respect of the schedule property, they may lodge their claim with supporting documents with the undersigned within fifteen days from today, otherwise, our client will complete the sale transaction and no further claim will be entertained thereafter

SCHEDULE

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No. E-19-2023-24(G.T.) **CORRIGENDUM** Date: 10.06.2023

S.No. 1, **Bid No :** E-109, **Tender No. :** Global Tender No. 10222193 Governor for 4500 HP Part No. 16340036, **Revision :** 1, **Details of Corrigendum :** The tender opening date has been revised and now the same will be opened on 14.06.23 instead of 23.05.23, **S.No.** 2, **Bid No :** E-09, **Tender No. :** Global Tender 10223103 Water Pump Repair Kit PL No. 16070124, **Revision :** 1, **Details of Corrigendum :** The tender opening date has been revised and now the same will be opened on 23.06.23 instead of 08.06.23, **Note:** - All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged for above tenders

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Name of Work : Redevelopment Works in Tholkappia Poonga, Chennai (Single Stage - Two Cover)

1.Tenders are invited from the eligible bidders for Redevelopment works in Tholkappia Poonga, Chennai
2.The bid value is Rs.20.66 cr. (inclusive of GST)
3.Earnest Money Deposit cost is Rs.20,66,000/-
4.The Tender documents can be downloaded free of cost from the website viz. **www.tntenders.gov.in.** Details of tender are available in the bid documents.
5.**Important Dates**
a) Date and time of Pre-Bid Meeting : **23.06.2023 at 11.00 A.M**
b) Last Date and time for downloading Tender documents : **13.07.2023 at 03.00 P.M**
c) Last Date and time for submission of Tender documents : **14.07.2023 at 03.00 P.M**
d) Date and time of opening of Technical cover : **14.07.2023 at 3.30 P.M**
6. Any amendments / clarification, Minutes of Pre-Bid meeting enclosure will be notified only in the website viz., **www.tntenders.gov.in.**

DIPR/ 2946 /TENDER/2023 **Project Director**

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS (ORIGINAL JURISDICTION)

In the matter of the Companies Act, 1956
And
In the matter of M/s Achievers Agri India Private Limited (in Provisional Liquidation)
Company Application No. 57 of 2020
In
Company Petition No. 54 of 2015

SALE NOTICE

In pursuance of the orders of the Hon'ble High Court, Madras dated 02.06.2023 made in C.A.No. 57 of 2020 in C.P. No. 54 of 2015, sealed tenders are invited from the intending purchasers by the Undersigned for the purchase of the Stone Crusher Unit at Rayakottai belonging to M/s. Achievers Agri India Private Limited (in Provisional Liquidation) situated at the places more fully described in the schedule annexed herein on "As is Where is and Whatever there is condition and no warranty on title".

DETAILS OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:

Description of the property	Location of the property	Extent of land (in acres) / built-up area	Upset price in Rs.
Immovable and movable assets of Stone Crusher Unit including Machinery and Other Movable items and Building	SF Nos. 157/1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 162/1, 188/3 & 189/9, Thimjepalli Village, Denkanikottai Taluk, Rayakopttai, Krishnagiri, District-635116	11.93 Acres / 1417 Sq.Ft.	2.70 Crores

Date and time of inspection of the site : 19.06.2023, 11.00 am to 4.00 pm
EMD (10% of the Upset price) : Rs. 27 Lakhs
Last date for purchase of Tender Form : 26.06.2023
Last date for submission of Tenders : 27.06.2023
Date of opening of Tenders and Auction : 30.06.2023 @ 2.15 p.m.

The details of landed property and movables are available at www.mca.gov.in

Regarding the details of the properties and inspection of available documents, Office of the Official Liquidator may be contacted at No.29, Rajaji Salai, Corporate Bhavan, II Floor, Chennai 600 001, Office Phone No. 044-2527 1149, 2527 1151 on all working days between 11.00 am and 4.00 pm and also during the date of inspection specified for the property as mentioned above.

Tender Forms and Terms & Conditions and other details of the property indicating the Survey Nos, Cost of Land etc., are available at the above mentioned Office on payment of Rs. 1,500/- by Cash (Non refundable / Not adjustable).

Tender form for all the properties (Immovable and Movable) along with EMD of 10% of the Upset price by way of DD / Pay order drawn in favour of **"The Official Liquidator, High Court, Madras"** payable at Chennai shall be submitted directly to the **O/o The Official Liquidator, High Court, Madras-600001** on or before **27.06.2023** during office hours before 4.30 p.m.

Sealed tenders will be opened before the Hon'ble High Court, Madras on 30.06.2023 at 2.15 p.m. and the tenderers who remains present will be permitted to increase their offer in the open auction. The sale is subject to confirmation of the Hon'ble High court, Madras.

DATED AT CHENNAI THIS THE 8th DAY OF JUNE 2023.

Sd/-
KEERTHI THEJ.N, ICLS
OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR (I/C), HIGH COURT, MADRAS

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भर्ती सूचना / Recruitment Notice No. 23 June 2023

जे.एन.ए.आर.डी.डी.सी. नागपुर अस्थायी निम्नलिखित पद के लिए आवेदन आमंत्रित करता है.
JNARDDC, Nagpur invites applicants for the following **temporary posts** under the project given below

Post	Junior Research Fellow / Senior Research Fellow	Consultant
Name of the Project / Assignment	Techno-economic Survey of Copper/Lead/Zinc Recycling Industry in India (S-43, S-44, & S-45 Projects)	
No. of post	1 (Copper) + 2 (Lead) + 2 (Zinc)	1 (Copper) + 2 (Lead) + 2 (Zinc)
Nature of the post & likely duration	Temporary / Contract basis for initially One year	
Maximum age	30 Yrs	Not More than 65 years
Essential Qualification	B.E in Metallurgy / Metallurgical & Materials / Mechanical Engineering (2 years experience essential for SRF	• B.E in Metallurgy / Metallurgical & Materials / Mechanical Engineering • At least 15 years of Industrial Experience in Aluminium/ Copper / Lead / Zinc sectors.
Emoluments	Rs 25,000/- / Rs. 28,000/-	Rs 90,000 / 80,000 / 55,000 per month (Based on experience level. Refer website)
Desirable	Industrial Experience in the relevant field	• At least 5 years out of total 15 years Industrial experience in the field of Aluminium/lead/zinc/copper recycling sector and waste management. • Shopfloor experience of Al, Cu, Pb, Zn primary or recycling or downstream industry. • Strong analytical, writing and communication skills. • Demonstrated ability to work with multiple stakeholders and with a multi-disciplinary team environment. • Robust understanding of structure and working of aluminium/copper/lead /zinc recycling sector in the country

(Bachelors Accommodation can be provided in Scientist Hostel at nominal rates as **per rule subject to availability) N.B. – Age relaxation for reserved categories will be as per Govt. Rules.**

Interested candidates are requested to apply on line in the google form at the link on website **http://jnarddc.gov.in/en/opputunities/career.aspx** within 15 days from the date of publishing this advertisement under the sub-head Career. Shortlisted candidates will be called for interview. The decision of appointing authority will be final in the above recruitment. The Decision of Director, JNARDDC will be final in all matters related to the above recruitment.

वरिष्ठ प्रशासनिक अधिकारी **Senior Administrative Officer**

Shivamogga City Corporaton, Shivamogga
Office of the Executive Engineer
Shivamogga City Corporation Shivamogga – 577 201
No.:ಶಿಮನಪಾಶಿ:ಕಾವಿ-1:ಟೆಂಡರ್:03/2023-24 **Date:08.06.2023**

Tender Notification (Two-cover System)

Tenders have been invited through e-procurement portal by Executive Engineer (Div–1) on behalf of Commissioner, Shivamogga City Corporation to provide man power on outsource basis. Eligible agencies shall participate by submitting the documents as per tender document through e-procurement. More details can be had from the office of the Executive Engineer. Tender details are available on e-procurement portal : https//kppp.karnataka.gov.in.

Sl. No. 1. Details : **Providing man power service for U.G.D lines, Sucking and Jetting machine, De silting machine, Roding machine in Shivamogga City Corporation on Out Source Contract Basis. (30 No's)** Nos : **35** Approx. amount (Rs in lakhs) : **96.70**
EMD amount (In Rs) : **1,93,400.00**

Schedule of the tender are as follows:
(1).The last date for submission of application with e-payment for e-procurement documents: **23.06.2023 (upto 4.00 P M)** (2). Date of opening of technical bid through e-procurement : **24.06.2023 (after 4.30 P M)** (3). Date of opening of financial bid through e-procurement: **28.06.2023 (after 4.30 P M)**

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Div 1)
Shivamogga City Corporation
Shivamogga

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Human rights need to be introduced in medical and healthcare education, said Karnataka High Court Chief Justice Prasanna B Varale on Saturday. He was speaking at the 25th Annual Convocation of the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, where he was the chief guest

'GRUHA JYOTI WILL BENEFIT 90% OF DOMESTIC USERS'

ENERGY Minister **KJ George** says the 'Gruha Jyoti' scheme, under which the new Congress government is offering free electricity up to 200 units, will benefit around 90 per cent of domestic users. In a conversation with the editorial team of TNSE, the senior Congress leader said the party's five guarantees will not only empower the beneficiaries, but also contribute to the growth of the economy, as they increase their spending capacity.

Almost 90 percent of the 2.16 crore domestic population consumes an average of 53 units and they are the ones who will benefit from the scheme. Remaining 20L people are from financially affluent backgrounds

What are the challenges expected with the implementation of the Gruha Jyoti scheme?
There are no challenges. The rising prices of commodities is an issue affecting people of all economic backgrounds now. However, the lower- and middle-income groups have been the most affected as their salaries have not increased in commensuration with inflation. The youth in India need to be uplifted and we plan to do it with the five guarantee schemes. These schemes will ensure more circulation of money in the market which will in return create more employment opportunities.

During elections, Congress promised 200 units of free electricity. Why after coming to power it has been made "up to 200 units"?
We always said we will pay for what most people are consuming. From the data cumulated, we observed that 53 units is the average consumption across all households in Karnataka. Almost 90 percent of the 2.16 crore domestic population consumes an average of 53 units and they are the ones who will benefit from the scheme. Remaining 20 lakh people are from financially affluent backgrounds, are already stable and do not need hand holding. That was the reason it was stated that up to 200 units, all consumers will be given free power.

Any challenges with regards to the scheme? Why are there too many conditions now?
So far, we have not foreseen any challenges, but it is at a nascent stage. We expect to suffer losses of around Rs 13,000-14,000 crore and the state will bear the burden. We have not put many conditions as we want all to benefit. Only a consumer's RR number and Aadhaar card number is required for registration. Citizens are also asked to give their voter ID or passport as proof to show where they stay. Besides, provisions are being made for new house owners and tenants which will be announced soon.

What is your opinion on privatisation of electricity supply companies (escoms)?
Already, escoms function as corporate entities rather than as a government department. We need to see that it has a more corporate approach. We cannot privatise everything. There should be some control in the public sector.

The guarantee schemes speak of empowering poorer sections by hand holding them. However, the fixed charge has almost doubled for others. This means others will be forced to pay more for these schemes. Does this not contribute to the rich becoming poor?
It is not really forcing anyone. I am an income taxpayer and if the price goes up, it affects me as my expenditure goes up. The scheme has been calculated based on the average energy consumption of a large section of consumers. Helping them means that they are able to save some money. They are the actual people who struggle, because of several factors, including demonetisation and the Covid pandemic. Their role in development is major. They are not asking for charity. We are responsible for ensuring their economic welfare. The people these guarantees benefit have self-respect. They are not going to sit idle after receiving these benefits. Even if it's a small benefit, it goes a long way in helping them.

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The power infrastructure in Karnataka isn't very good, as seen by the number of power cuts. Any plans to improve this?
There is already a plan to improve power infrastructure. However, I am a new minister. I will have to review the situation in the state, including visiting and inspecting different areas. After six months, it will be possible to get a firm idea as to how to fix the situation.

Have you consulted economists before launching the five free guarantees? Or is it just an election strategy?
Congress decided this strategy for the first time.

Guarantee schemes are to empower, but why so many conditions?
We don't have a lot of conditions. The only condition is the average power consumption should be below 200 units and an average of for 12 months will be seen.

Are you going to use free power as a game changer in other states?
This is the second state where freebies have been offered. Also, it is not the first time. We earlier launched Anna Bhagya. We have to wait, see and manage the schemes. Every state has different problems.

Will this distract you from other energy goals?
We are going to promote renewable sources in the state. Karnataka is the only state using such large quantities of renewable energy. We have moved towards 60% of non-conventional and 40% conventional energy sources for power. Given global warming, we want to promote more renewable energy and people are coming to invest. We will make use of the opportunities. There will be no red-tape during the implementation of projects. However, we also need some conventional sources of energy. I have now learnt that electricity can be stored and we are doing this in our reservoirs. It is one of the best ideas.

How will you address the issue of scarcity of transformers faced by farmers?
As of now, I am told there is no scarcity of transformers and there is enough stock. However, I have instructed officials that more efforts need to be made to reach out to people.

NAGARAJA GADEKAL

EXPRESS Dialogues

Are there any scams from the previous government that you will be investigating in your department?
Whether something comes up, either from the previous government or this government, we will investigate it. We have to depend on the people working there. But whenever a scam surfaces, we will investigate it.

Bengaluru has the first ever underground transformer in Asia. Is there a roadmap to lay underground cables and transformers in the state?
It has already begun. They are already laying underground cables. The only problem now is that while laying cables, workers come across other utilities like underground drains.

Isn't this an issue because no two agencies work together in the state?
It is very difficult. I faced the same problem during my tenure as urban development minister. Our allotment for Bengaluru was constantly cut and there were other issues. This will happen.

Congress pushed for liberalisation, made the government step back from business, removed license raj, and aimed at development through growth. Overall matrix, economic structure has been this. Now, freebie culture is called welfare and empowerment politics. Is it that Congress is going back to the 70s -- Indira Gandhi's 20-point guarantee, abandoning liberalisation? If so, why?
People think that only those who pay taxes are contributing to the country. But common people who buy anything are real taxpayers. We only appreciate 10% of the people. We have to take everyone together. The government has to think for everyone. Under the Ujjwala scheme, the government made a person use free gas. We have to empower people. Money is coming from them. Nobody is sitting in their house lazing around. Everyone wants to work. I went to Algeria and people there don't want to work. But here we need to empower them.

There are concerns that the government may start increasing milk prices and bus fares. Will there be a price increase in fuel resources too?
There has been a central government order regarding fuel, where they have asked us to blend imported coal with local coal. When such orders are passed, ultimately the consumer has to pay for it. BJP was protesting saying Congress raised fuel prices, but these price hikes occurred during their government. BJP never bothered to implement it, and so, during our tenure we have to implement this. People will use free electricity and the state government will bear that burden. All we have asked is that past arrears are paid. It is not that we want to penalise people.

The city has crossed the boundaries marked by its founder Nadaprabhu Kempegowda. It is not a planned city and we are paying a price. The traffic problem is one of them. Now, Namma Metro is making a lot of progress

You were the urban development minister in 1990. What difference do you see in our cities, particularly Bengaluru?
Then, Benglauru's population was 20 lakh and the city was known as a pensioners' paradise. We also had financial limitations as the size of the state budget was Rs 3,000 crore. Now, Bengaluru has become an international city with a population of around 1.5 crore. The city has crossed the boundaries marked by its founder Nadaprabhu Kempegowda. Unfortunately, it is not a planned city and we are paying a price for that. The traffic problem is one of them. Now, we are putting in a lot of effort and Namma Metro is making a lot of progress. Though the project started in 2006, the operational network by 2013 was just 6 km. We boosted the pace of the project and now we are in a better situation though connecting the Metro is a continuous process as the city grows. But we have to address the first and last-mile connectivity to encourage people to take public transport. We will work towards that. Now, we have a dynamic Bengaluru development minister in Deputy CM DK Shivakumar and can hope that development will be put on fast track.

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Time is short for BJP & task daunting

Just a few weeks ago, BJP leaders were talking about bucking the trend to come back to power in the state, which they view as the gateway to South India. The party had been making concerted efforts to expand its footprint below the Vindhyas and Karnataka was a crucial part of that strategy. The May 10 election results appeared to have turned its plans upside down and left the state unit in disarray.

A detailed analysis based on feedback from its candidates who lost the polls will help the party pinpoint the reasons for its defeat. But many in the party believe that the confusion over ticket distribution and attempting social engineering during the fag end of the tenure when it hardly had time to clear confusion and convince people did the party in. Failure to read the magnitude of anti-incumbency and the Congress' campaign that centred around the local leadership and its five guarantees were also key factors that worked against BJP, despite its central leadership's best efforts in the last leg of campaigning.

Now, as the party leaders are holding a series of meetings to analyse and introspect the reasons, they also face the Herculean task of remobilising their cadre and preparing for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. For BJP, Karnataka remains the only hope in the South to win a good number of seats, while Congress makes all-out efforts to continue its winning momentum. In 2019, BJP won 25 out of 28 Lok Sabha seats in the state.

High on confidence after the convincing win in the assembly polls, Congress leaders are already talking about winning 20 out of 28 Lok Sabha seats. Achieving that target may appear to be difficult if one looks only at the 2019 results when the party won just one Lok Sabha seat when it was part of a coalition government with Janata Dal (Secular). It was Congress' worst-ever performance. Many of its stalwarts, including Mallikarjun Kharge, KH Muniyappa, and M Veerappa Moily, lost the elections.

But, the Congress of 2023 is different from that of 2019. Now it has strong local leaders, a clear and proven strategy, and more importantly, renewed confidence among the leaders and cadres, which had almost vanished after its successive defeats. Handing over the reins of administration to Siddaramaiah, a leader with a proven track record of governing the state for full five years---the first in forty years--and keeping DK Shivakumar, who led the party to victory, at the helm of affairs in the party's state unit, while also making him the deputy CM appears to be the Congress' strategy to replicate its success in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

As Congress hopes to successfully implement its five guarantees and present its Karnataka model of governance as an example in other election-bound states, the BJP leadership has to quickly come up with a game plan to boost the morale of its cadre that has taken a big hit.

The delay in the appointment of the Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in the State Legislative Assembly is not sending the right message to its workers. It either means they face the problem of plenty or find it difficult to choose among the current lot of leaders. Either way, it is good for the party to act swiftly and appoint LoP as the government is marching ahead with the implementation of guarantees and preparing to present the budget. For the first time, after the advent of BJP as a major force in state politics, its Lingayat strongman BS Yediyurappa will not be in the state assembly to take on the government.

While the former CM will continue to work for strengthening the party, the BJP needs to play a role of a constructive opposition by highlighting the government's failures both within and outside the assembly, while preparing for the Lok Sabha polls. The LoP plays a crucial role.

Although the voting pattern in the Lok Sabha polls will be different from that of assembly elections, repeating the 2019 show in 2024 is not going to be an easy task for BJP. BJP retained its vote share of 36% in the assembly elections but lost out significantly on the number of seats. That clearly showed that the party improved its performance in the Old Mysuru region by getting more votes that did not convert into seats and lost out significantly in North Karnataka in terms of votes and seats.

Its leaders will be looking to learn from their mistakes and come up with a strategy to boost the morale of the cadre and regain the confidence of the dominant Lingayat community in North Karnataka and other communities that had backed the party in the past. It is yet to be seen how quickly and effectively the party will evolve its plan of action and put it in motion to take on Congress's proven strategy.

The true strength of any individual or organisation lies in its ability to deal with defeat and get back into the game quickly. For BJP, time is short and the task is daunting.

Govt has 'cash for transfer' policy: HDK

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @Bengaluru

FORMER chief minister HD Kumaraswamy on Sunday alleged that the state government is following a "cash for transfer" policy, a week after Chief Minister Siddaramaiah-led state government ordered transfer of officials.

"A top officer was transferred by the CM himself to a department of his cabinet colleague, who is abroad. The minister has asked the officer not to assume office," he alleged during a press conference.

"Congress government has fixed a rate for posting of officers. Why did the minister not allow a senior official of his department to take charge? How much money did this officer pay? There is a 'transfer jyothi' programme in the government," Kumaraswamy said.

Another officer, he alleged, who was raided by the Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB), has been given a posting in the CMO. However, Kumaraswamy refused to divulge much about the minister, and asked the government to respond.

A week ago, the government had issued an order for the transfer of officials. The process will end by June 15.

Meanwhile, the recent transfer of a Dalit under-secretary at the Urban Development Department, who was replaced by a Kuruba community officer, sparked a controversy. Defending the transfer, the department's Minister Byrathi Suresh told TNSE that the department secretary, Dr Ajay Nagabhushan MN, can transfer officers within the department, which has no link to caste or creed. "In my office, there are 10 staff, including a personal secretary who is a brahmin, a Dalit OSD, and none from the Kuruba community," he said.

BJP LAUNCHES 24X7 LEGAL HELPLINE TO FIGHT 'FALSE CASES'

Bengaluru: BJP launched a legal services helpline for their workers on Saturday to fight "false cases" registered against them by the Congress government. "The Congress government is misusing its power to file false cases and threaten BJP karyakartas with arrests. To support and provide legal aid to our karyakartas, we have launched BJP Karnataka Legal Cell's helpline 1800-3091907," said BJP Yuva Morcha president and MP Tejasvi Surya. Over 100 lawyers from the state will assist the BJP workers, he said, and urged them to fight Congress' injustice fearlessly. Surya said that party workers are facing "politically-motivated" cases, and now they can call the helpline. Vivek Reddy, president of Advocates Association of Bengaluru, said the helpline will be available 24x7. **ENS**

Another poll, Siddu walks on 'promiseland'

K SHIVA KUMAR @Mysuru

FOR another election, another set of promises.

This time it is the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, for which Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has promised that prices of fertilizer, petrol, and domestic gas will be reduced, if Congress forms government at the Centre.

The thanksgiving function at Varuna constituency became a platform to kick start campaigning for the Lok Sabha and panchayat polls.

When a farmer vented his ire over increasing fertilizer prices, Siddaramaiah shot back, saying, "We have not increased the prices. The prime minister has done it, and he should reduce it. We will come back to power at the Centre, and will reduce the prices of gas, petrol, and fertilizer."

Hitting out at the opposition parties and a section of the media for misleading the public on five guarantees, Siddaramaiah said Congress has never gone back on its promises and will mobilise ₹51,000 crore. "I expect that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will extend his support to empower the poor. However, it is unfortunate that he is making political statements."

He reiterated that the state government has announced the implementation of five guarantees within 20 days.

CM Siddaramaiah waves at a crowd in Varuna on Saturday | UDAYASHANKAR S

GOVT WILL WALK THE TALK, NO CONFUSION OVER LAKSHMI, JYOTI: CM

Bengaluru: CM Siddaramaiah on Saturday assured that the government will walk the talk, and denied any confusion regarding Gruha Lakshmi and Gruha Jyoti schemes. Speaking in Bengaluru, he said the government has clarified everything about the schemes. "BJP had made 600 promises in their manifesto. How many times have those been discussed? PM Modi had made many promises. How many of them have been fulfilled?" he said. The government has already announced its decision to implement all five guarantees. The Shakti scheme, under which women can travel for free on buses, will be launched on Sunday. Dy CM DK Shivakumar will also be present. BJP MLA Basangouda Patil Yatnal on Twitter urged people, who consume below 200 units of power, not to pay their bills. **ENS**

DKS says Cong will usher in change in MP

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DEPUTY CM DK Shivakumar, who was on a temple run in Madhya Pradesh on Saturday, predicted that Congress will usher in a change in MP politics as party workers will work unitedly under the leadership of former CM Kamal Nath.

"A lot of cases have been filed against our party workers and it's unfair. I appeal to party workers to be bold. We will change the future of MP politics," he said in Datia. Shivakumar fulfilled his vows taken during his earlier visit to Baglamukhi Pitambara Peeth before the Karnataka Assembly polls.

Some analysts in social media said he is likely to evolve a strategy for the Assembly polls in Madhya Pradesh.

Rebel YSRC MLAs Anam Ramnarayana Reddy and Mekapati Chandrasekhar Reddy are set to shift their loyalties to TDP. Anam announced his decision on Saturday after he met TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu on Friday

BJP has big task on hand to tackle T'gana leadership issue

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THE BJP central leadership is grappling with the problem of assuaging the ruffled feelings of the dissidents in Telangana, particularly Huzurabad MLA Eatala Rajender. Though the party leadership offered to make him the chairman of the campaign committee, it has not cut any ice with him. His supporters have been saying that he should be given the reins of the party in Telangana. But the incumbent president **Bandi Sanjay Kumar** also does not want to make way for Rajender, by accepting the MoS offer by the Centre.

As Rajender has been sulking for quite some time now over not being given the importance in the party that he deserves, the leadership is looking at other options like doing some kind of a rejig of the party in Telangana, but it is not getting anywhere. The party is also considering taking Bandi into the central cabinet as minister of state and appointing party vice-president DK Aruna as party president and Rajender as the chairman of the campaign committee, but neither did Rajender nor Sanjay find the offer acceptable.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has assigned the task of defusing the crisis in Telangana to Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma. The brief given to him is to persuade Rajender to accept the responsibility of campaign committee chairman. But he is not willing to settle for this position and said that he would continue in the party as an ordinary leader and as an MLA, which is one way of telling the party high command that he is not happy with the way they are handling the issue.

On the other hand, Bandi is not very enthused about accepting the offer of MoS, by leaving the party reins in Telangana to someone else. He conveyed his opinion to party Telangana incharge Sunil Bansal. Bandi reportedly told him that in case they want to have a change of guard, he would rather remain as MP and party leader, but would not accept the MoS offer, indicating that he too is as firm as Rajender on his stand.

Nadda questions YSRC govt about alleged scams

Accuses AP's ruling dispensation of being 'most corrupt party'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Tirupati

BJP national president **JP Nadda** on Saturday accused the YSRC government in Andhra Pradesh being involved neck-deep in a series of scams, including mining, liquor and sand, and the failure to maintain law and order.

Nadda, who visited the state as part of the BJP's campaign to publicise the developments of Narendra Modi government's nine-year rule at the Centre, interacted with party workers and later addressed a public meeting.

"YSRC is the most corrupt party. We have never seen a government riddled so much in corruption. There is no law and order in the state since the past four years," Nadda said, lashing out at the YSRC.

Nadda also rued that the YSRC has left the state without a capital. Listing out the slew of development works and projects taken up by the Centre in Andhra Pradesh, Nadda

appealed to the people of the state to give one chance for his party to govern.

Nadda said that Modi has brought a change in politics and driven the nation on the path of development in all aspects. "The Modi government has developed two lakh poor villages. Earlier, there used to just 59 villages having fibrenet connectivity, but now all the villages are connected with fibrenet," Nadda said.

Further, Nadda added that more than four crore houses are being constructed for the poor across the country.

He also listed out the development achieved in the automobile, industry and education sectors after Modi came to power. Coming to Andhra Pradesh, the BJP national president said Modi had laid foundation stones for Rs 10,000 crore-worth development works during his visit to Visakhapatnam. "The Centre is developing the Tirupati railway station by spending Rs 300 crore and is also constructing an IIT near Srikalahasti. It has also taken up work of laying a National Highway from Kadapa to Renigunta," he said.

Nadda arrived in Tirupati late on Friday and drove to Tirumala. He had darshan of Lord Venkateswara on Saturday morning. Speaking at Tirumala, he said the BJP is committed to the progress and development of the nation. Later in the day, Nadda addressed a Shakti Kendra meeting of BJP leaders and cadres from Chittoor Lok Sabha constituency, in Tirupati.

WAVES OF JOY

Youngsters find much respite from the summer heat, as they play in the sea at Fort Kochi beach on Saturday | TP SOORAJ

Tree branch falls on boy killing him in Kerala

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A game of football in a temple ground near their locality turned tragic for a group of children at Veliyathunadu near Aluva when a branch of a banyan tree fell on them on Saturday. An eight-year-old boy died and two others suffered injuries in the incident.

The death of Abhinav Krishna has come as a shocker to the residents in the area. The condition of the two injured children -- Sachin, 7, and Adhidev Vinod, 8, -- is said to be stable.

The incident occurred around 11.30 am when a huge branch of the banyan tree on the Vellam Bhagavathi Temple premises at Veliyathunadu fell on the children while they were playing.

"The branch had fallen on Abhinav's head and he had suffered grievous injuries. Though we rushed him to the hospital, we couldn't save him," said Mohan Kumar K S, ward member, Karumaloor grama panchayat.

Southwest Monsoon enters K'taka

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DAYS after the monsoon arrived in Kerala, the Southwest Monsoon made inroads into Karnataka through Karwar and Madikeri on June 9.

According to the IMD, Kollur and Karkala in Udupi district received 7 cm rainfall and the monsoon is likely to advance from June 12 to other parts. According to officials, the Coastal Karnataka region, including Mangaluru in Dakshina Kannada district, received 5 cm rainfall, while Uttara Kannada district's Kota and Shirali received 4 cm, while Ankola received 3 cm rainfall on June 9. Similarly, in North Interior Karnataka, Chincholi received 3 cm rainfall. In South Interior Karnataka, Kottigehara in Chikkamagaluru received 3 cm rainfall and Bengaluru received 1 cm rainfall on June 9. The official also said that on Saturday and Sunday, Bengaluru and its surrounding areas will witness cloudy skies, coupled with thunder and lightening. The IMD officials also stated that the rainfall for this season is expected to be normal.

According to officials, for Bengaluru, from June 1 to September 30, 60 cm rainfall is expected, while for June alone, 11 cm rainfall is expected. With the arrival of the monsoon, civic agencies particularly in Bengaluru have prepared for heavy rain. BBMP officials have set up 63 control rooms across its sub-divisions. This apart, a massive storm water cleaning drive was taken up even before the Assembly election. The municipality has also taken up tree pruning.

Ullal beach losing 1 km of shorelines every year

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"ULLAL beach is losing more than 1m of shoreline every year and sea erosion has affected 40% of 30 beaches in the coastal region of Karnataka. The source of sediment has drastically reduced because of construction of vented dams.

Large quantity of sediment is dredged for various development activities, including concrete roads, multi-storied apartments, etc., for which sand is used. We have not only stored water, but also withheld sediment which otherwise would have reached the near shore and come back to the beaches through wave activity. Human interference such as construction of seawalls, ports, harbours and encroachments are some of the reasons. Beaches act as cushions and they are the playgrounds for waves. We need to retreat as much as possible and we need to go for green walls instead of sea walls using Casuarina trees or Ipomoea biloba, a creeper or salt tolerant plants," he said.

Deputy Commissioner Ravi Kumar MR said the special teams along with Coast Guard personnel are on standby in the affected areas.

"The situation is calm now except for the raging waves. The tides are not so high now but we have sounded alerts at Someshwar and Uchila beaches in Ullal. Fishermen and tourists have been warned not to visit the affected beaches. Our major concern is Ullal which usually witnesses large scale damage. We are expecting heavy rains from Sunday morning. We are monitoring the situation along our coastline closely," he added.

APPLICATION DISPOSAL

HC asks revenue dept to devise mechanism for land conversion

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THE Karnataka High Court directed the principal secretary of the Revenue Department to devise a mechanism for the procedure to be adopted by deputy commissioners under the Karnataka Land Revenue Act for disposal of applications filed for conversion of the land from agricultural to non-agricultural purposes.

"Principal Secretary of the Revenue Department should institute a mechanism of capturing the applications which are filed under Section 95 of the Act along with the date of the application and the time taken for disposal of the same while also indicating the date on which the deemed conversion comes into effect in terms of Section 95(5) of the Act unless an objection is raised for the same... These details should be web hosted on the website of the concerned Deputy Commissioner," said Justice Suraj Govindaraj. The court passed the order as it came across several matters where the applications which were filed for conversion had not been acted upon by the authorities concerned resulting in unnecessary litigation being filed before the court.

This has been noticed by the court while allowing the petition filed by Abdul Rehman from Basavakalyan of Bidar District, questioning the delay in considering his application for land conversion. On Section 95(5) of the Act, if the deputy commissioner fails to inform the applicant of the decision within a period of four months from the date of receipt of the application for conversion of land, the permission applied for is deemed to have been granted. Referring to this, the judge said, "I am of the considered opinion that Section 95 (5) of the Act would also apply once compliance with any of the objections raised has been completed by the applicant thus, giving a time period of four months for the Deputy Commissioner to raise any further objections to the conversion."

Elephant lovers conduct poojas for Arikomban's health

PALAKKAD: Expressing their concern for the wellbeing of Arikomban, a wild elephant that has been translocated twice across two states, a group of elephant lovers organised special poojas and prayers on Saturday. Hundreds of elephant lovers gathered at the Mahaganapathy temple in Vadakkencherry to perform Ashtadravya Ganapathy Homam, pujas, and rituals for the health and wellbeing of Arikomban, whom they referred to as the son of Chinnakanal in Idukki. The pujas commenced at 7 am and continued until 9 am. According to the gathering, Arikomban was shot with six tranquiliser darts in Chinnakanal and was subsequently translocated to the Periyar sanctuary. Later, Tamil Nadu forest officials administered two more tranquiliser shots and left the elephant near the Kanyakumari sanctuary. Concerns arose when they noticed an injury on the elephant's trunk in Tamil Nadu, leading them to organise the pujas for Arikomban's wellbeing. They expressed worry that the multiple tranquiliser shots may have affected its health.

CBI COURT DECLARES DEVAS CEO FUGITIVE

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THE CBI Special Court has declared Ramachandran Vishwanathan, Chief Executive Officer and Director of Devas Multimedia, as a fugitive economic offender.

Judge KL Ashok passed the order on June 8, allowing the application filed by the ED, Bengaluru Zone, under Section 4 read with Sections 10 and 12 of the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act. The court also passed the order to confiscate crores of rupees worth scheduled properties, investments and amounts in bank accounts that are proceeds of the crime, shown in the order under Section 12(2) of the Act.

"Admittedly, Ramachandran was duly served a summons by this court. Thereafter as he did not appear before the court, a non-bailable warrant came to be issued against him. As such there is an active warrant against him. Admittedly he is in the United States of America which is a foreign country and being abroad he has refused to return to India to face criminal prosecution. Therefore the requirement under section 2(f) of the Act is clearly applicable to this accused," the court said.

To prove their case, the ED deputy director examined himself and deposed regarding the case of the pending warrant.

The court noted that Devas Multimedia is under the control of Ramachandran, who is accused No 2. The amount held in the name of Antrix Corporation has been transferred from Devas Multimedia and is said to be part of the proceeds of the crime. A provisional attachment order has already been passed against the properties and the order has also been confirmed by the adjudicating authority. It is to be held that the prosecution has established that Ramachandran is a fugitive economic offender and is liable to be declared as such, the court added.

After the CBI had registered the FIR under the provisions of IPC and the Prevention of Corruption Act against Ramachandran, the ED registered a crime in 2015 with regard to properties which are proceeds of crime. The notice was served on him in December 2022, but he remained absent. Now, an open-ended non-bailable warrant has been issued against him and Devas Multimedia which is still pending execution.

Govt needs ₹40k cr more for schemes

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THE government needs additional resources of around Rs 40,000 crore to implement its guarantees. "Other than liquor, resources are likely to be mobilised through stamps and registration and additional borrowing," sources said.

In 2020, AED was revised twice. Once during the budget, when there was a uniform increase of 6% on all 18 slabs, and in May, when it was raised from 17 to 25%. The lowest first four slabs contribute 70 to 72% towards excise revenue. The department, considered as the cash cow of the state government, contributes around 21% towards the state exchequer.

The economically weaker sections of society contribute to around 85% of the total consumption of liquor in Karnataka. Critics of upward revision of AED said that it may lead to bootlegging and ugly revival of seconds or non-duty paid liquor. "Alcohol consumption has gone up by at least 20 to 30% after pandemic curbs were lifted. Any hike in MRP may result in unlawful activities. Regulation and enforcement may become a challenge," sources said.

CBI quizzes Avinash about calls to Gangi Reddy

HYDERABAD: YSRC Kadapa MP YS Avinash Reddy on Saturday appeared before the CBI in connection with the investigation into the former minister YS Vivekananda Reddy murder case. Sources stated that the agency is investigating the Rs 4-crore alleged deal between the MP's father, Bhaskar Reddy, and other accused in the case. The agency reportedly questioned Avinash about the phone calls between him, Bhaskar Reddy, and accused no. 1 Erra Gangi Reddy as well as Dastagiri, who has turned approver in the case. Sources also stated that the agency asked him as to why he should not be booked under murder charges and why he had brought pressure on circle inspector Shankariah to not register a murder case after the body of Vivekananda Reddy was found and to not do a postmortem examination. The CBI also tried to unravel the conspiracy behind the destruction of evidence at the scene of crime. Avinash was subjected to questioning from 10 am to 5 pm. **ENS**

Kasaragod Kannadathis demand Karnataka's Shakti free bus travel

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GADINADA Kannadigas (Kannadigas living outside the state bordering Karnataka) have urged the Karnataka government to extend the benefit of 'Shakti' free travel scheme to Kannadiga women of Kerala's border district of Kasaragod.

Kasaragod and Dakshina Kannada have strong social and business links. Everyday thousands of people from Kasaragod travel to Mangaluru and other places in Dakshina Kannada for education, healthcare and business purposes. Though there are few passenger trains that runs through the border districts, the timings are not convenient for a large section of commuters especially students, forcing them to travel in buses which costs them around Rs 100 a day.

Pratheeksha N, a final year BA student at University College, Mangaluru, who shuttles between Soorambail to Mangaluru (one way 50 kilometers), says the free bus facility would be a big relief to her and her parents. Though train services provide for cheap transport, she is able to hop on to it only for the return journey because of the mismatch in timings.

At University College, about 25 percent of the students are from Kasaragod out of the total strength of 1,800. Government College in Car Street, Milagres College and many other colleges in Puttur and Sullia have a significant number of students from Kasaragod.

Another student, Shivani Shetty, who commutes between Uppala and Mangaluru, says lack of colleges in Kasaragod force them to depend on Mangaluru especially for higher studies. Hailing the 'Shakti' scheme as one which helps for women empowerment, she said should be extended to Gadinada Kannadigas as well.

Mahalingeshwara Bhat, a retired Kannada school headmaster and vice-president, Kannada Horata Samithi, Kasaragod, said they are planning to shortly submit a memorandum to CM Siddaramaiah to extend the Shakti scheme to Kasaragod women. He said their demand is justified given the fact that Kasaragod is the most backward district in Kerala.

Integrity, transparency and the fight against corruption have to be part of the culture. They have to be taught as fundamental values

Jose Angel Gurria

TOXIC MASH: AIR, WATER, FOOD AND CLIMATE CHANGE

THE THIRD EYE

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THE New York Skyline this week emerged as an unwitting exhibit of the global reality of climate change and the haze over inaction. Smoke from wildfires in Canada, covering over 10 million acres, billowed and belched toxic air enveloping the city in a shroud of smog. The city found itself on the list of the world's worst in air quality. As New Yorkers struggled to cope with an unusual condition, a time-lapse video shared by the National Weather Service on Twitter went viral across time zones triggering schadenfreude among those for whom poor air quality is an inescapable circumstance.

Toxic air is a reality visible and palpable across the globe. A 2022 report from the World Health Organisation shows that across 6000 cities in 117 countries monitoring air quality, "the air in 17 per cent of the cities in high income countries falls below WHO Air Quality Guidelines." The state of poorer countries is worse. In low and middle-income countries, air quality in less than 1 per cent of the cities complies with WHO thresholds – a fact millions in India and elsewhere in the developing world will testify to. It is manifest in the loss of over 6.5 million lives every year worldwide.

The etymology of the phrase smog is of comparatively recent vintage. It was coined in 1905 by H.A. Des Voeux, a health official, to define 'atmospheric conditions' in British towns. Ostensibly pollution then was a local phenomenon. The phrase climate change or climatic change came into usage only after the 1970s. Globally around 4 million sq km of vegetation burns every year -- in Australia, Amazon, Canada, Russia and the United States -- which emit gases that worsen air quality across national borders and global warming.

The callous exploitation of natural resources underlines the context that has created a mash-up of toxins – in the air we breathe, the water we drink and the food we ingest. Consider the state of water. Data published by UN Water show that over 2 billion people, or roughly a quarter of the world population, lack "safely managed" drinking water and 2.3 billion live in water-stressed countries.

Groundwater accounts for a major share of human consumption and is threatened by contamination by fertilisers, pesticides, industrial and mining wastes, petroleum products and solid waste landfills. A Lancet report reveals that water pollution was responsible for 1.4 million premature deaths in 2019. The World Bank has observed that shallow groundwater in every populated region should be considered at risk of pollution.

A useful metric to understand the impact of 'consume and dispose culture' is the magnitude of toxic trash generated by the rampant use of plastics. Of the 7 billion tons of plastic waste generated globally so far, less than 10 per cent has been recycled. The UNEP estimates that the world produces around 400 million tonnes of plastics per year. Roughly around 10 million tonnes end up in the ocean, accounting for 80 per cent of all marine pollution. It is well established that microplastics enter the food chain and accumulate in the food we eat, such as fish and shellfish. And it is not just seafood that is impacted by air and water pollution. A 2019 study, based on commonly consumed food items by US residents, estimates that an average person consumes between 74,000 and 121,000 microplastic particles.

There is no disputing that pollution, politics and policies are exacerbating global warming. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, in its 2023 Synthesis Report, reveals that "Widespread and rapid changes in the atmosphere, ocean, cryosphere and biosphere have occurred. Every increment of global warming will intensify multiple and concurrent hazards." Human-caused climate change is increasing the incidence and frequency of extreme events such as droughts, heavy rainfalls and heatwaves.

Earlier this year, analysis by NASA showed that "Earth's average surface temperature in 2022 effectively tied with 2015 as the fifth warmest on record". Rising temperatures are throwing up new challenges. A study by Mark C. Prosser, Paul D. Williams, Graeme J. Marlton and R. Giles Harrison states that Clear Air Turbulence "is projected to intensify in response to future climate change". This has ominous portents for aircraft safety and millions of travellers. And the projections for global temperature are only worsening. The World Meteorological Organisation has observed, "There is a 98% likelihood that at least one of the next five years, and the five-year period as a whole, will be the warmest on record."

The planet is confronted with a confluence of consequences, an exponential rise in pollution, accelerated loss of biodiversity and intensified climate change. It is useful to remember that since 1905, when the phrase smog entered the lexicon, the world population has grown from 1.6 billion to 8 billion and the world GDP from US $ 3.4 trillion to over US $ 105 trillion. The pressure of population and the need for resources is showing up on planet Earth. The clichéd truth is that there is no Planet B! The visuals of the New York skyline are yet another reminder for introspection and action.

RAJASTHAN LOYALS IS ULTIMATE CASTE GAME

POWER & POLITICS

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THE spirit of royalty is loyalty—honoured or betrayed. In the erstwhile princely state of Rajasthan, whose history is marked by intrigue, war and riveting romance, an electoral ambush happening in the deceptive dunes of democracy is a possibility. Instead of the chivalry that fueled the feudal warrior code of yore, caste flies the flag of power now. As the state gears up for polls, the battle lines are drawn not by ideology but by political liege lords donning the crowns of caste and region. But the nature of court gossip has not changed, and speculations spice up election masala. More than the delivery record of the Ashok Gehlot government, drawing room chatter and street corner scuttlebutt concerns whether Sachin Pilot will finally be the new Congress CM face and will BJP position Vasundhara Raje as the challenger to Gehlot or a younger substitute.

However, in both camps, caste prevails over merit. Both national parties have been holding secret parleys and public sit downs to revive their respective organisations and boost government machinery. The Congress leads the news space. Former Deputy CM, the 45 year old Pilot, has been on the road to drum up support for himself first and his party later. His objective is to connect with grassroots workers and convert the Gehlot government's infirmity in taking action against corruption in the previous Raje administration. But his real target is Gehlot. Sachin's explanation to his party and his promoters is that he is merely asking the High Command to honour its earlier commitment of declaring him the CM candidate before the elections. But they aren't in an obliging mood. The big enchiladas feel that since age is on Sachin's side, he can wait a bit more. They haven't forgiven him for his aborted attempt to topple the state government by walking out with 19-odd MLAs, a move considered to be prompted by the BJP. But caste is the real cause behind the Congress flip flop. Gehlot has already broken a record by staying in power for three full terms: in 1998, 2008 and 2018. He became chief minister in 1998 when he was just 47—the first CM from a backward caste (malis) to break upper caste domination in Rajasthan politics. The BJP government he trounced was then controlled by the powerful Thakur leader Bhairon Singh Shekhawat. Pilot's play is to capture power on the dual basis of caste and merit. He has both a degree and a pedigree. The son of former Union minister Rajesh Pilot, Sachin studied abroad. The Congress made him not just India's youngest Central minister but also state party president. But unlike his father, who was a national player, Sachin chose the state arena plagued by caste and community contradictions. Rajesh was aware of his limitations and eventually abjured state politics to become a leader with prime ministerial possibilities. But Sachin deviated from his father's playbook and chose Rajasthan as both his *karma-bhumi* and *ran-bhumi*. Under his leadership as state president, the Congress won around 100 seats in 2018 which put him in line to become the youngest CM of Rajasthan. But Gehlot won the race and a by-election thanks to his wider acceptability among decision makers. Many Congress leaders feel that Sachin is better qualified for a major national role than wasting his talent by confining himself to a state. They speculate that his rapport with the younger Gandhis could turbo his rise faster, and the time is ripe for geriatric leaders who occupy the CWC posts to be put to grass. However, while the Gandhis are convinced that Sachin's youth and clean image are assets, his liability is his caste—the Gujjar community, which doesn't have even a double digit share in the state population. Sachin's cardinal mistake was to identify himself with them when he went to jail over seeking ST status for Gujjars. Historically there is no love lost between Gujjars, Jats and Thakurs. Thakurs have gained at the cost of Gujjars while the Jats are still fighting to grab power.

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It is no coincidence that Rajasthan has never had a Gujjar or Jat as CM. Of the 28 interim or formal chief ministers sworn in since Independence, 24 were from the Congress. The BJP had just two. Interestingly, the first interim Chief Minister was a Brahmin. Subsequently, the Congress appointed three Brahmin CMs—Jai Narayan Vyas, Tika Ram Paliwal, Hari Dev Joshi—whose rule, put together, lasted less than a decade. Significantly Nehru and Indira chose leaders from the insignificant Bania community to run the state in order to pacify feuding upper castes. Mohan Lal Sukhadia, a Jain, was CM for over 17 years, encompassing four terms. Experimenting with other castes like Dalits, Kayasth, and Muslims didn't work for long. In 2018, Gehlot, being Backward, was placed on the throne again. The BJP was restricted to the Thakurs or royalty. Only the canny Vasundhara, who shifted from her maternal state Madhya Pradesh to Rajasthan, could acquire the image of a *sarva samaj* leader because of her family relationship with both Gujjars and Jats.

The Congress has played safe by striking a caste balance, not allowing any dominant caste to dictate terms. Its hesitancy to install Sachin as CM stems from the reality that Gujjars have too many enemies among other communities. The party feels that Gehlot has mobilised all backward sections behind him and marginalised the Thakurs using welfare schemes and public outreach. Targeted welfare schemes have given him the image of Rahat Baba (Relief Baba). The High Command perceives Gehlot as a stabiliser and unifier who can win the ballot again. However, it is also obvious that he could be replaced with a younger leader like Sachin; but only after the election has been won. The decision to retain Gehlot also stems from the fact that the BJP will deploy anti-incumbency rhetoric and promote Modi-backed caste leaders as alternatives. With Queen Bee Raje sidelined and sulking, the popular perception about CM aspirants like Bhupender Yadav (Ahir), Ashwini Vaishnaw (both Brahmin and a Marwari), Gajendra Singh Shekhawat (Thakur) and Om Birla (Bania) is as representatives of their own castes; not leaders with the mojo and merit to lead the state. All of them have been attending massive conclaves organised by their communities. Rajasthan is undergoing a social transformation wherein upper caste and elite caucuses are out of the reckoning. The ironic level playing field is Backwards vs Backwards. Both Gehlot and Sachin are part of the new social chess game of India. Who is the pawn or the king will be decided by the caste satraps of a royal land where shatranj was a game of royals, by royals for royals.

OH, FOR THE LOVE OF GOD!

OPINION

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RATHER paradoxically, now seems both like the best and worst times to make films on Hindu mythology. On the one hand, the renewed interest in telling the tales of our land means that there's a ready audience for such stories (as seen in the popularity of myth fiction as well)—and social media goodwill to boot, provided the makers play their cards right. And yet, filmmakers have to walk a tightrope in this new world that places impossible, often irrational, expectations on art and artists.

The makers of Adipurush (an upcoming Hindi-Telugu adaptation of Ramayana) might have accepted the criticism of the VFX in its original trailer to be warranted and as being fair game. When they addressed some of the issues and released a new trailer with a background score punctuated by high-pitched choral screams of 'Jai Shri Ram', they might have been forgiven for thinking that only effusive love would pour forth from then on. In a recent twist befitting social media, though, actor Kriti Sanon—who plays Sita in the film—was judged as an inappropriate fit for the character for having played 'glamorous' roles in the past. Most well-meaning responses questioned the double standards by sharing some old film clips in which Prabhas (playing Rama in Adipurush) plays characters who don't necessarily act in gentlemanly ways. Thankfully, these responses didn't result in Prabhas being denounced for playing Ram.

Can you imagine if self-anointed defenders of purity also unleashed their irrational wrath on male actors? Akshay Kumar, who plays God in the upcoming sequel, OMG 2, would be an easy target, given some of his roles in the past. What if these guardians of morality and art went back in time to criticise other actors who have played God? Amitabh Bachchan played God 15 years ago in God Tussi Great Ho; Sanjay Dutt played Lord Yama in Vah! Life Ho Toh Aisi!—and that's a bad god to get on the wrong side of. The examples across Indian cinema are far too many. Yet, this burden of purity, perhaps in keeping with the functioning of Indian society in general, is placed on only women actors.

Strangely, or perhaps not so strangely, this indictment of heroines who play deities has some precedence. Many years ago, Nayanthara, who played Sita in the Telugu film, Sri Rama Rajyam (2011), was also deemed an inappropriate casting choice for reasons that had nothing to do with cinema and everything to do with her personal choices. This film, incidentally, went on to do incredibly well, receiving, it would appear, the kind of blessings some believers didn't think were possible. The same actor played a goddess in Mookuthi Amman three years ago, and a stray voice or two on social media raised some opposition, which wasn't attractively incendiary enough to garner any momentum. Thank God for that.

When questions are raised about the character of heroines who play gods, perhaps the best response, even if well-intended, isn't to ask why similar exacting standards don't apply to heroes. This ends up almost as validation of the original criticism. The best straightforward response would be to demand the separation of art from the private, unproblematic choices of the artist. So powerful is the pressure of 'good behaviour' on those working on devotional films that the cast and crew often advertise choices not necessarily connected to the making of the film. Heroines working on deity films have often spoken proudly about abstaining from non-vegetarian food during the shooting. We have had filmmakers talk about entire sets eating 'pure' food and thinking 'pure thoughts' while making such films. A good thought experiment would be to consider the ridiculousness of those playing evil roles—say Saif Ali Khan playing Raavana—trying to emulate behaviour befitting their character in their life. Somehow, we can spot the ludicrousness and isolate a performance for public consumption from the performer's private life.

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Better questions can be asked when making such adaptations, not aimed at protecting God but at creating a better society for us humans. One easy question would be, why are beautiful women from our myths always portrayed in our films as being fair to a fault? While there may be room for debate over Sita's descriptions, what about our depictions of Draupadi, clearly described as a dark-complexioned, beautiful woman? Another useful question could concern the rudimentary notions of good and bad such adaptations proffer—especially when these go on to fuel real biases. While Tamil films like Raavan and Kaala have turned the conventional white-vs-black, good-vs-evil narrative of Ramayana on its head to great value, why does the larger, national interpretation still feel rather monochromatic? What must the objective of such adaptations be anyway? Should it be to inspire propaganda and fuel single-minded devotion... or should it be to foster a greater understanding and tolerance for humanity in general? So long as simple questions are asked and simple problems raised, our cinema shall continue giving us simple answers.

QUOTE CORNER

No one has told me I'm being indicted, and I shouldn't be because I've done nothing wrong....I never thought it possible that such a thing could happen to a former President of the United States. I am an innocent man

Donald Trump, Former President, United States

If you run the machinery for a long period, it tends to get overheated... But we got overheated in the past because of the speed with which we grew...But this time, because of all the various measures we took in the last eight to nine years, we feel that the machine can run for 8-10 years without getting overheated

V Anantha Nageswaran, Chief Economic Advisor

Respect for him (Alcaraz) for fighting till the end. I told him at the net that he is very young and he can win this many times

Novak Djokovic, Serbian tennis player

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Selfless work

Apropos of The good samaritans of Balasore: An ode to human instinct (June 10). The editorial is a tribute to the people of Balasore, who have stood up as one man in helping the passengers, caught in the country's worst-ever train accident, each in his or her own way. They have learnt a lot from frequent exposure to natural calamities and put their vast experience to good use, as and when the occasion demanded.

G Nataraja Perumal, Elathur

Altruist act

Apropos of The good Samaritans of Balasore: an ode to humane instinct (June 10). When the Balasore train tragedy happened, the first responders' actions saved many lives. It's heartening to note everyone from tribal inhabitants, young NCC cadets, teachers, chemists alike displayed an act of altruism, selflessness, and collective heroism tend to the wounded.While the tragedy still lingers in memory, the acts of human morality are the most uplifting stories.

P V Prakash, Mumbai

Patna meeting

Apropos of Road to Patna paved with distrust, divide (June 10). It may be comparatively easier for the Opposition parties to get together but the most difficult part is to arrive at a consensus on the way forward. The June 23 meeting is at best a beginning only. Issues of leadership and the common programme will prove to be daunting tasks for them.

C G Kuriakose, Chengamanadan

Credible leadership

As rightly analysed in your editorial it is a hard task indeed for a goal of opposition unity to be fructified for fight against the juggernaut of NDA cadres. Without any basic principles of coherence and strong reasons for bonding, there are visibly only contradictory hotchpotch arrangements amongst the various opposition parties as of now. Credible leadership is the need of the hour for opposition to present themselves before the public as a substitute for Narendra Modi, whose popularity seems intact as before.

Jitendranath Guru, Padampur

Conditional freebies

The various freebies announced by the Congress party in Karnataka is nothing but fooling the people. After winning the elections, the government is coming out with riders and conditions in order to be eligible to receive the freebies. The government may find it difficult to mobilise resources in order to fund the freebies. Ultimately, people will have to pay indirectly by way of taxes.

S Ravindranath, Bengaluru

Bike Taxis

The decision of Transport Minister S Sivasankar that the bike taxis are not permitted in Tamil Nadu seems to be a hasty decision. The bike taxis are in force for more than two to three years and the users of bike taxis are more than happy to avail their services, than the fleecing Auto rickshaws. In fact, the State Government should have revised the auto fare, which has been stagnant for the past 10 years. And then the government should take an assurance from the auto drivers that they would ply as per the meter and will never refuse to ride for short distances. Instead, the Government seems to be succumbing to the demands of auto unions to stop the bike taxi services.

N Mahadevan, Chennai

Traffic offences

The AI cameras installed on Kerala roads can have two consequences. One, traffic offences could be reduced to nil and on the flip side it could reduce the income of the state by way of fines charged on those who break traffic rules. The positive side is that there would be more transparency in the levying of fines and less chances of taking bribes, besides providing proof in certain crimes and road accidents.

Elizabeth Koshy, Pathanamthitta

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

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PM, It took almost a month for you to send the Home Minister to Manipur. 8 days after Home Minister departure, violence continues

Mansukh Mandaviya @mmandviya
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P Chidambaram @PChidambaram
Response of four BJP MPs to the Congress prez Kharge's letter to the PM is another example of absolute intolerance of BJP to any criticism

Opacity in OROP calculation angers veterans

Anomaly at many levels alleged after 2022 revision on the basis of average minimum and maximum pension in '18

MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

LACK of transparency and bureaucratic apathy in calculation of One Rank One Pension (OROP) has embittered the retired junior commissioned officers and personnel of other ranks. Subedar Major Sukhdev Singh (Retd) says: "Out of ₹23,000-crore OROP fund, officers consume over 85 per cent and remaining by the other ranks – Sepoy and Havildars. We, junior commissioned officers, got nothing."

Sukhdev is one among the soldiers from across the country protesting the anomalies in the pension scheme. They blame the officers for consuming most of the funds.

But Services – Army, Navy and Airforce – have no stake in deciding the pension things, according to sources.

The Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA), Principal Controller of Defence Accounts (PCDA Pension) and the Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare (DESW) in the defence ministry decide and calculate the pension amount for soldiers.

On the issue of pension fixation, there is a tug of war for data, which is several years old, between departments in the defence ministry as well as the defence Services.

"The data have been sought from the ministry since 2015-16, but still not provided to them. The Services headquarters wanted to know the methodology adopted in the calculation of OROP," a source in the defence establishment said.

Arrears of approximately ₹23,638 crore, with effective from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022, was calculated. It is expected to benefit more than 25.13 lakh, including over 4.52 lakh new beneficiaries, including family pensioners.

The government implemented OROP in 2015 and tables for fixation of pension were issued in 2016 with a decision to review it in every five years. In December 2022, the government approved the revision on the basis of average minimum and maximum pension of defence forces retirees of calendar year 2018 in the same rank with same length of service.

Opacity in arriving at the average OROP pension after the second revision is another issue which was highlighted by a source. There is anomaly at multiple levels, including clubbing of retired personnel with services varying between 15 and 18 years and giving the same pension. Data here is referred to the number of Havildars, Naib Subedars, Sepoys and others who retired in the same rank and length of service and what is the maximum and minimum amount taken in its calculation.

"While the pension authorities have clubbed the pensions for people serving between 15 and 18 years, there exists problems for the soldiers granted Honorary Ranks," said another source. "The OROP-2 can be seen as a perfect example of bureaucratic apathy and lethargy," said the second source as "the Services having no role in deciding the pension amount yet they are facing the brunt of the aggrieved pensioners".

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> Sources

Since 2015, the Indian Army and its sister organisation -- Indian Air Force and Indian Navy, have been continuously flagging off the issues to the ministry of defence for clarity on it. "No response has been provided yet."

On being asked about its resolution, the sources added that the Services Headquarters thinks that transparency is the way ahead in removing the anomalies.

"We also want to know the basis of formulation of the table that decides the pension."

It is pertinent to mention that rank and length of services are being considered for deciding the pension amount.

SORE POINTS

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JOYEETA GUPTA

HOPE RIDES ON THIS INDIA-ORIGIN SPINOZA AWARDEE

NIRAD MUDUR

SOURAV ROY

ON June 7, 2023, five days short of her 59th birthday on June 12, the Dutch Research Council (DRC), as if like an advance birthday gift, announced the name of India-origin Joyeeta Gupta as a recipient of the prestigious Spinoza Prize, also called the 'Dutch Nobel Prize'. She is a Professor of Environment and Development in the Global South at the Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research, University of Amsterdam, and IHE Delft Institute for Water Education in Delft. She is also co-chair of the Earth Commission founded by Future Earth and supported by the Global Challenges Foundation.

The Spinoza Prize, among the highest academic awards in the Netherlands, is bestowed annually on four researchers. Gupta is chosen for the prize for her outstanding, pioneering, and inspiring scientific work in which she focuses on a just and sustainable world.

The Delhi-born Gupta has a varied academic background: schooling in Loreto Convent School in Delhi Cantonment and the Air Force Central School at Subroto Park; economics at Delhi's Lady Shri Ram College; a law degree from Sir LA Shah Law College in Ahmedabad; and Master's in Law at the Harvard University, USA, on the Inlaks fellowship in 1988. It had nothing to do with climate change.

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Her first brush with climate change came in 1989. She was on her second job in Amsterdam, at the Ministry of Environment to help with developing climate policy. "(But) I knew nothing of climate change. It was Pier Vellinga, head of the climate group there who initiated me into the ins and outs of climate change. When he left the ministry to lead an Environmental Institute at the Vrije Universiteit, he invited me to join the university on a PhD project, and since then I have been working on climate change issues."

The same year, by sheer coincidence, the IHE Institute for Water Education was looking for someone to teach water law. "I was the only candidate, and so water became the second area of expertise that I have been working on. It has been an interesting journey – hard work was central, but I met a lot of key people along the way who helped shape my career," Gupta says, also crediting her husband Johannes van der Hoeven and son Zubin van der Hoeven for their support.

She plans to use the prize money to work on implementing her ideas on sharing the eco-space (environmental utilisation space) globally – an idea which would require a global environment constitution, aiming at protecting environmental conditions in an equitable manner worldwide using constitutional law to bring global environmental and developmental issues together.

The idea is this: Land and fresh water is limited, but can be shared with each other and with nature. Strategic minerals and metals are available in declining quantities. Phosphorus, essential for agriculture, for instance, is limited and gets dissipated through improper use in our land and water. The disposal of greenhouse gas emissions into the atmosphere is causing the problem of climate change and local air pollution. If nature is not looked at, problems are bound to occur.

Gupta gives an example: if pollinators die, as they are currently, who will pollinate our farms and gardens? "Thus there are limits to our resources and sinks (the capacity of the Earth to deal with our wastes). This leads to challenges: first, such damage to nature and the bio-geophysical domains leads to damage to human health and wellbeing; and second, it means we have to find new ways to share the limited eco space. If we leave this eco space to the market, only the rich can afford these resources."

Therefore, the concept of eco space helps to understand local-to-global justice issues linked to taking on responsibilities to live within limits, being accountable for the harm caused to others; and once these limits are recognized, to share the space with each other. Gupta's latest research project, in May 2023, was 'Earth System Boundaries', scientifically quantifying safety and stability of people and the planet, respectively. Her future work on eco space could be a game-changer, bringing hope for our planet vis-a-vis climate change and its impacts.

T'gana Guv to take part in 'Garbha Sanskar' for expectant mothers

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

TELANGANA Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan is set to be a part of the 'Garbha Sanskar' launching ceremony online on Sunday.

Shaped in a religious ritual, the 'Garbha Sanskar' aims to motivate expectant mothers to read the Bhagavad Gita, and Ramayana and listen to bhajans, and Vedic hymns throughout their pregnancy period. The belief is that it would give birth to 'sanskari (well-cultured)', 'deshbhakat (patriotic), and 'achhe-bacche' (good children).

The organization launching the unique drive is the Samvardhani Nyas, a social outfit dedicated to the all-round empowerment of women. It is an affiliate body of the Rashtra Sevika Sangh (RSS).

Pregnant women across the country will be encouraged to chant Vedic mantras and Sanskrit shlokas during the pregnancy, read good religious, patriotic stories and remain calm and cheerful throughout the pregnancy period.

Speaking to this newspaper on Saturday over the phone, Madhuri Marathe, organizational secretary of Samvardhani Nyas, said three cases of mothers observing the Vedic rituals have been taken up as a part of the 'Garbha Sanskar' initiative.

"We are sure to get good results soon. The observance of 'Garbha Sanskar' can also help women in getting conceived," she said.

She said expectant mothers and their family members will also be guided and helped under this initiative on various aspects of having a good child, including taking healthy food, and providing good surroundings and atmosphere.

"As part of the Garbha Sanskar initiative, the Samvardhani Nyas has divided the country into five regions and in each of these five regions, there will be a team of 10 doctors to carry on this initiative," she said.

Each doctor, associated with the Sanskar will be taking up 20 cases of pregnancy in their respective regions, she said.

To make this initiative a pan-India success and oversee it, a central committee of eight members has been formed. The members are from Ayurveda, homeopathy and allopathic wings of medical services, besides some "subject experts."

'Public opinion in favour of repealing sedition law'

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

AMID the row over the 22nd Law Commission's recent recommendations to retain sedition laws and enhance punishment, a public consultation held by the 21st Law Commission seems to have revealed that more than 90 per cent of public opinion was in favour of repealing the colonial-era legislation.

However, this consultation paper or its suggestions are not available on the current Law Commission's website.

A member of the 21st Law Commission told this newspaper that the panel had published a consultation paper in 2018 and sought public views on the amendments to IPC Section 124A from stakeholders, scholars, academicians, intellectuals, the government and civil society members.

The term of the 21st Law Commission, headed by retired judge B S Chauhan, ended on August 31, 2018.

"The consultation paper on sedition laws was prepared after a painstaking effort for more than a year. There were public consultations and seminars on these laws. We held deliberations with people from all walks of life. We went to the public and tried to get the views of people. Public opinion was against sedition during consultations. More than 90 per cent of the people wanted the sedition laws to go," a member of the 21st law commission said on condition of anonymity.

In its consultation paper, the 21st Law panel said that irresponsible exercise of the right to free speech and expression cannot be termed seditious, and called for rethinking on the laws. It maintained that for merely expressing a thought that does not align with the policy of the government of the day, a person should not be charged under the law.

While the previous papers are not found on the website, the latest report of the law panel said that it has, "in its first meeting held on 17th January 2023, discussed the issue of usage of the law of sedition and was of the considered view that it requires a detailed examination, keeping in mind the various developments in the recent past ... Looking into the urgency of the matter, the commission has discussed this issue with various stakeholders and scholars and made detailed research on the subject matter, finalising this report," it said.

The 22nd Law Commission proposals, which were released recently, invited stringent criticism from many quarters including Opposition parties for allegedly making the laws more draconian to suppress dissent. In May last year, the Supreme Court put a hold on the operations of the sedition law.

WHAT LAW COMMISSION SAYS

- An irresponsible exercise of Right to Free Speech and Expression cannot be termed seditious
- One should not be charged for merely expressing a thought that does not align with the policy of the govt of the day
- Need rethinking on the laws

Vegetarian diet better for kidney patients, says study

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @New Delhi

RESTRICTING protein intake among adult chronic kidney disease (CKD) patients, irrespective of having diabetes or not, may not work for Indians, according to the latest study, which also claimed that a vegetarian diet is more effective than animal protein.

Most guidelines for CKD management recommend protein restriction, which the study, published in Science Direct, said is controversial.

The study aimed at reaching a "consensus on the topic, especially among Indian adults."

Before recommending guideline-directed protein restriction, assessing the nutritional status of people with CKD is essential, particularly in countries like India, where the average daily protein intake is poor, said the study's findings.

"The prescribed diet, including the quantity and quality of proteins, should be tailored to the person's habits, tastes, and needs," said the study.

The study concluded that low protein consumption across all sectors, regions and income groups in India must be factored in before routinely recommending a low-protein diet to all Indian adults with CKD.

"There is a close relationship between dietary protein intake and its effect on renal function. Evidence suggests that high protein intake causes deterioration of renal function in people with CKD," the report added. In India the prevalence of CKD is very high, around 13 % to 17 %. Commonest cause of developing CKD is hypertension and diabetes.

The study also concluded that a vegetarian diet could be a better option for such patients. Contrary to traditional belief, increasing evidence supports the safety and possible superiority of a plant-based or vegetarian diet over a diet based on animal proteins for patients with CKD. "This is particularly relevant for India, where almost half the population prefers a vegetarian diet or a predominantly a plant-based diet with very little animal protein," said the study.

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Dr Upal Sengupta, Nephrologist, Fortis, Kolkata, and one of the authors of the study, said, "Protein restriction has been in vogue with variable amounts of evidence that protein restriction in some way is going to help prevent the progression of chronic kidney disease."

A low-protein diet in adults with stages 3-5 CKD who are not on haemodialysis reduces the severity of uremic symptoms, thereby delaying the initiation of dialysis, he added.

Uremic symptoms happen due to kidney failure, nausea, loss of appetite, and lethargy.

"In our scenario, we see a large number of poor patients who don't get a good amount of protein. Further restriction in protein will make them malnourished and worsen their condition if we start dialysis," Sengupta said.

However, he cautioned that they certainly should not take Keto diet.

Profession of soldiers greatest of all, says Army Chief at IMA parade

NARENDRA SETHI @Dehradun

Gentleman cadets celebrate during passing out parade at IMA | PTI

THE profession of soldiers is the greatest of all professions, Chief of Army Staff General Manoj Pande said on Saturday. "It gives one a unique opportunity to wear the uniform with selfless devotion and serve one's motherland," he said, while reviewing the passing out parade of Gentleman Cadets at the Indian Military Academy (IMA) in Dehradun.

"This is a career driven by a sense of purpose and demands sacrifice from you beyond the call of duty," he said. A total of 374 Gentleman Cadets of 152 regular courses and 135 technical graduate courses, including 42 Gentleman Cadets from seven friendly countries, successfully passed out from the IMA.

In his address to the cadets, General Pande said, "Your resilience, determination and unwavering resolve in the years to come will be the foundation on which the Indian Army will continue to make the tricolour proud in all its endeavours."

Appreciating the parents of the Gentleman Cadets, he said, "My congratulations to the proud parents and guardians for raising these wonderful people of character, who are ready to be the guardians of the strong value system maintained by the Indian Army today. Your contribution and support are acknowledged, without which this achievement could not have been possible."

Appreciating the efforts of the new officers, the general said, "It has been our shared vision to turn these young boys into combat leaders and today, we are seeing this happening in front of us."

The reviewing officer also presented the awards on this occasion. The Sword of Honour was awarded to Academy Under Officer Mihir Banerjee. Senior Under Officer Abhimanyu Singh bagged the gold medal for standing first in the Order of Merit, while Mihir Banerjee bagged the silver medal and Battallion Under Officer Kamalpreet Singh was awarded the bronze.

OPERATION DOST

Six-year-old Julie, a canine of the National Disaster Response Force, has been awarded with a commendation certificate for sniffing out and helping rescuers to save the life of a little girl buried under mounds of rubble in earthquake-hit Turkiye in February

89 TOPPERS IN CLASS 10 & 12 EXAMS GIVEN COPTER RIDES IN CGARH

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	38	29	Mumbai	35	28
Bhopal	41	27	Panaji	31	28
Jaipur	40	30	Patna	42	31
Amritsar	41	29	Lucknow	42	31
Chennai	38	30	Port Blair	32	28
Kolkata	38	29	Imphal	28	22
Srinagar	31	22	Chandigarh	43	28

Priyanka to sound Cong poll bugle in MP on June 12

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

AMID talks of a larger role for Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra ahead of the 2024 elections, she will launch the Madhya Pradesh Assembly election campaign on Monday. Elections are due in November in the state.

Priyanka will kick start the poll campaign after performing Narmada Pujan on the banks of Narmada, followed by a roadshow and public meeting. She is also expected to announce the party's promise to give ₹1,500 monthly allowance to every woman in the state if it comes to power.

With Priyanka likely to be relieved from the position as the Congress general secretary in charge of Uttar Pradesh, the party is mulling assigning her as the star campaigner, especially in poll-bound states such as Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, and Telangana. She will also be campaigning for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections next year.

While Priyanka was the star campaigner for the party in Himachal Pradesh, party leaders say that she has successfully campaigned in Karnataka polls along with Rahul Gandhi and party president Mallikarjun Kharge. In Karnataka, Priyanka attended more than 20 rallies, which attracted huge crowds.

"Priyanka was a huge hit in Karnataka. The party wants her to focus more on upcoming crucial elections," said a senior leader. Several leaders have credited Gandhi for the victory in Himachal Pradesh by chalking out poll promises of welfare schemes for women, youth, and employees.

The Congress won 40 seats in Himachal Pradesh, reducing BJP to 25 seats. Priyanka also held rallies in poll-bound Telangana early last month, indicating her increasing clout in the organisation. She will also be inducted in the Congress Working Committee (CWC) which is expected to be announced soon.

The Congress had emerged as the single largest party in MP after the 2018 Assembly polls but its government led by Kamal Nath collapsed 15 months later following a rebellion by Jyotiraditya Scindia and over 20 MLAs loyal to him. The BJP returned to power.

UTTAR PRADESH

SP poised to ally with Cong for LS polls

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

AMID the decision of opposition parties to pose a unified challenge to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, Samajwadi Party's chief strategist said that no strong opposition front is possible with Congress.

Speaking to media persons in Sitapur on Friday, SP's Rajya Sabha member and party chief Akhilesh Yadav's uncle, Ram Gopal Yadav said: "Congress is the biggest party of the opposition camp. A strong opposition front is not possible without Congress being a party of it."

Interestingly, Akhilesh, of late, has been advocating the arrangement to give the leading role to regional parties in their respective domains. He has also hinted that SP might be fielding candidates in Congress's first family's pockeboroughs Amethi and Rae Bareli. As part of an unwritten code, the party has not been contesting against the Gandhi family members in the past few elections. SP and Congress also had an alliance in the 2017 UP elections.

"Congress's win in Karnataka has given it a heft to bargain for prime position in the opposition camp. Ram Gopal could be stating the obvious," says a political commentator. "Also, while Akhilesh is known to be commenting on impulse, his uncle is more pragmatic. He has been his political advisor ever since Akhilesh became the chief minister," he adds.

Rahul attacks India abroad over internal politics: Shah

Home Minister says Cong leader should learn from his forefathers

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

Union Minister Amit Shah at a public meeting in Patan, Gujarat on Saturday | PTI

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah has accused Rahul Gandhi of attacking India and debating its internal politics while traveling abroad, advising the Congress leader to seek guidance from his forefathers. Shah was speaking at a rally in Siddhpur, Gujarat's Patan district on Saturday, to celebrate nine years of the Modi government.

Shah said it is improper for a leader to disparage his or her own nation overseas. He advised Rahul to remember that the nation's citizens were watching him. The Home Minister was referring to Rahul's recent trip to the US, where he criticized the Narendra Modi government.

"Any patriot should debate Indian politics within India," he said. "It is inappropriate for the leader of any political party to travel abroad to debate and criticize the country's politics," said Shah, adding "Remember, Rahul baba, that the entire country is watching you."

"Rahul Baba is vacationing abroad to escape the summer heat. He continues to criticize the country there, I would advise Rahul Gandhi to learn from his forefathers," said the Home Minister.

Rahul's criticism of the new Parliament building also drew flak from the Home Minister.

"You were opposed to the new Parliament building and the installation of the 'sengol', a historical scepter from Tamil Nadu. Jawaharlal Nehru was supposed to install the sacred sengol. If Modi is doing it because Nehru did not, why are you opposing it? he questioned.

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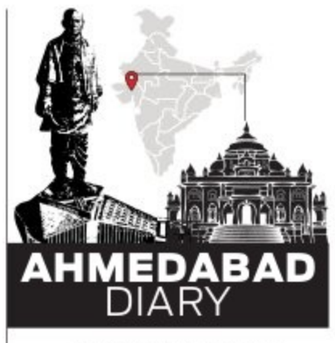
> Amit Shah, Union Home Minister

Shah claimed that Congress leaders do not allow PM Modi to speak in Parliament and instead oppose everything that the PM has begun in a new tradition of doing 'development politics.' Shah also hit out at Rahul over the Ram temple construction in Ayodhya and the repeal of Article 370. "Lord Ram's temple in Ayodhya was desecrated in the reign of Babar, However, a grand temple of Lord Ram will be completed soon," he stated.

Referring to former PM Manmohan Singh and Sonia Gandhi, Shah said, "Comparing the 10 years of Manmohan-Sonia to the 10 years of Modi in power, one will find that the years of the Congress-led government were marked by corruption, mismanagement, economic downfall, terrorism, and poor law and order situation."

According to him, India has become a capable, secure, and socially responsible digital nation during the last 10 years of the Modi government. Shah said the government strived to improve the lives of Dalits, the underprivileged, and tribals by empowering them.



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Shaktisinh Gohil new Guj Cong president

Shaktisinh Gohil has taken charge as the president of Gujarat Congress, in place of Jagdish Thakor who resigned following the party's disappointing show in the recent assembly elections, where it won its lowest number of seats ever According to the grapevine, Gohil was appointed to the post as Congress ran out of options. Some party members maintained that since Gohil couldn't make any substantial contributions in Bihar, Delhi or Haryana, there were discussions to remove him from those responsibilities, but the Congress High Command didn't know where to shift him to. Hence, when Thakor resigned as Gujarat Congress president, Gohil was assigned the post.

Ahmed Patel's political legacy in trouble?

Political observers say a quarrel over the legacy of veteran Congress leader Ahmed Patel is on the horizon, with his son Faizal Patel and daughter Mumtaz Patel appearing to be growing apart politically. Faisal has not shied away from sharing a photo of himself with Gujarat BJP President CR Patil on social media. He has even stated that he had been in contact with Patil for several years. Mumtaz, on the other hand, has tweeted a selfie with former Congress president Rahul Gandhi. She has indicated that she would handle her father's legacy, even before the Gujarat assembly polls.

BJP leaders make reels to woo young voters

The Gujarat BJP has decided to get a better grip on social media in a bid to woo its younger voters ahead of the Lok Sabha elections. The party has begun to engage with social media influencers and several party leaders have also begun to create reels and upload them on social media. The first meeting with social media influencers was held in a five-star hotel in Ahmedabad, and was attended by Gujarat BJP state president CR Patil and Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel. Following this, similar influencer gatherings are being hosted in different locations. However, the trend of BJP leaders creating reels and uploading it on social media has put some senior leaders in a quandary.

Chief justice of J&K HC visits Char-e-Shreef court complex

EXPRESS NEW SERVICE @ Srinagar

JUSTICE N Kotiswar Singh, chief justice of High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, on Saturday inspected the Char-e-Shreef court complex and interacted with the members of the bar on Saturday.

The purpose of the inspection was to ensure the smooth functioning of the judicial infrastructure, identify areas for improvement, and address concerns raised by the legal community. He emphasised the commitment of the judiciary to provide fair and efficient justice to the people, ensuring the rule of law. Justice Singh paid obeisance at the sacred Ziyarat-e-Shreef Sheikh Ul Aalam.

He inaugurated Legal Services and Awareness Camp on 'Welfare Schemes for Tribals'. organised by the District Legal Services Authority Budgam. Justice Tashi Rabstan, Judge of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh, and Shahid Iqbal Choudhary, Secretary to the Government of J&K, were the Guests of Honour.

Cong worker shot in run up to Bengal rural polls

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

BRINGING back memories of the last violence that took place during the nomination submission in 2018, several incidents of alleged muscle flexing by the ruling TMC were reported to the Kolkata headquarters of opposition parties on Saturday, two days after the newly appointed state election commissioner announced Panchayat polls to be held on July 8.

A Congress worker, Phoolchand Sheikh (45) was allegedly shot dead in Murshidabad on Friday night. Sheikh's family members alleged that the assassins were Trinamool Congress supporters. Phoolchand defected to the Congress from the TMC after the Sagardighi by-election in which the grand old party secured victory. Police arrested seven persons, known as TMC workers, and investigating whether the deadly attack was linked to the upcoming panchayat elections and the deceased had any possibility to contest in the rural polls.

West Bengal governor C. V. Ananda Bose met state election commissioner Rajeeva Sinha, who was the former chief secretary of the state, in the backdrop of oppositions' allegation of violence. "Panchayat elections will be conducted in free and fair manner at any cost. Violence will not be tolerated. All steps will be taken to ensure peaceful election," said Bose.

The violence did not even spare government employee responsible for receiving nominations of candidates. Bidyut Ghosh, an employee of Bhangar block development office, was allegedly assaulted by the ruling Trinamool Congress supporters for allowing a candidate of Indian Secular Force (ISF), the outfit which was floated ahead of the 2021 Assembly polls, to submit his nomination.

In Domkol in Murshidabad, TMC leader Bashir Mollah was seen roaming with a pistol tucked in his waist.

Violence will not be tolerated: Guv

West Bengal governor C. V. Ananda Bose said "Panchayat elections will be conducted in free and fair manner. Violence will not be tolerated. All steps will be taken to ensure peaceful polls,"

Top cops in 3 Naxal-hit states re-focus on joint strategy

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

TOP police officials from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, along with representatives of the Central Armed Police Forces under the Ministry of Home Affairs, met on Saturday to discuss ensuring of better interstate coordination, intelligence information sharing along the border areas, and action on the supply network of the outlawed outfit CPI (Maoist).

The Interstate Coordination meeting, chaired by Chhattisgarh Director General of Police Ashok Juneja, was held at the state police headquarters in Nava Raipur. The officials devised an action plan to carry out joint operations in focused areas, ensure strategic gain in the regions lacking the presence of security forces, and to tackle other issues related to threat from the left-wing extremists.

The adjoining areas of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh have a strong presence of the Maoist rebels.

All eyes on Sachin Pilot's June 11 rally in Dausa

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

IN Rajasthan, all eyes are on Sachin Pilot's programme in Dausa scheduled for Sunday. Speculation is rife that Pilot may make a big announcement about his future plan of action on the death anniversary of his father, late Rajesh Pilot, on June 11.

Experts had suggested that Pilot might leave the Congress and join either the BJP or the Aam Aadmi Party. Another group of political analysts believe Pilot will form his own party and create a Third Front in the state, which will contest the upcoming elections. If this happens, Sunday could mark a significant day for the politics in Rajasthan.

There is yet another group of experts who say Pilot is not leaving the Congress. They argue that he will stay in the party and wait for the right time. Their argument is supported by the fact that Pilot has not yet applied even for registration of any new party.

According to media reports, Praveen Kumar Gupta, the Chief Electoral Officer (IAS) of Rajasthan, had stated that the Election Commission usually registers a party only after 3-4 months of the application. Election analysts suggest that forming a new party takes at least six to twelve months on ground after registration. In this situation with very little time left for the Rajasthan elections, establishing a new party in a few months would not be an easy task for Pilot.

The Congress high command doesn't seem willing to let go of Pilot so easily. The Gurjar community, to which Pilot belongs, has a significant influence on many seats not only in Rajasthan but in Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, and Gujarat too.

Additionally, Pilot has a different image among the youth. Congress state in-charge Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa described both CM Gehlot and Pilot as assets.

Ahead of MP polls, Lord Hanuman takes yet another avatar of a 'tribal'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

FIVE months ahead of the assembly polls in the BJP-ruled MP, opposition Congress' tribal politicians are claiming that the Hindu deity Lord Hanuman was an Adivasi (tribal).

The statement has revived the memories of a similar political controversy, triggered in the run-up to the 2018 assembly polls when UP CM Yogi Adityanath claimed at a poll rally in the then-BJP-ruled Rajasthan about Lord Hanuman being a "Dalit." Yogi's colleague Chaudhary Lakshami Narayan too had joined the chorus to claim that the Hindu god was actually a Jat.

The latest development which triggered Lord Hanuman caste-related row happened in Dhar district at a public event to mark tribal freedom fighter Birsa Munda's martyrdom day on Friday.

Addressing the event, the three-time MLA from Gandhwani-ST seat of west MP's Dhar district and former MP minister Umang Singhar said that Lord Hanuman was an Adivasi (tribal) and it wasn't the monkey army, but instead the forest-dwelling adivasis (tribals) who had helped Lord Ram travel to Lanka.

"It was Adivasis who took Lord Ram to Lanka. Some people wrote stories about Vanar Sena (monkey army) helping Lord Ram reach Lanka, but they weren't monkeys, but instead the forest-dwelling Adivasis. Hanuman was also an adivasi. We are his descendants. Be proud," said Singhar, who is accused in a rape case.

Reacting sharply to Singhar's public utterances, state BJP spokesperson Dr Hitesh Bajpai said: "The former minister's statements are unfortunate and painful. Lord Hanuman is one of the most worshipped Hindu gods and saying that he was an Adivasi (tribal) is demeaning the Hindus and the Hindu religious scriptures."

On the one hand, state Congress chief Kamal Nath prides himself as a Hanuman devotee and has installed his big idol. "Priyanka Gandhi Vadra will be in MP soon, I want the Congress to apologize for Singhar's statements and Kamal Nath should take strict action against his former cabinet colleague," said Bajpai. Singhar isn't the first Congress MLA in poll-bound MP to claim that Lord Hanuman was a tribal.

Adivasis took Ram to Lanka: Singhar

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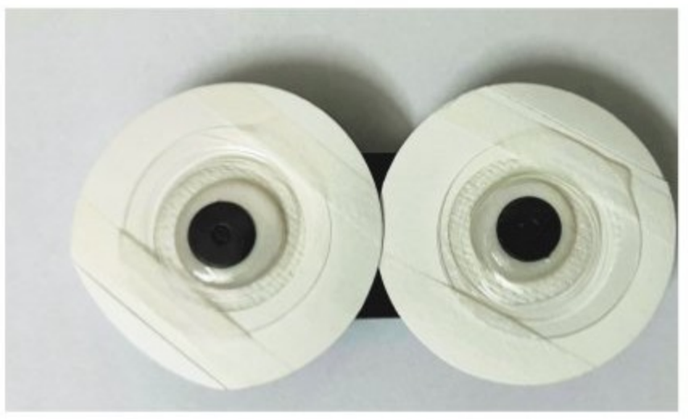
AMU student develops mobile ECG device

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow



The device has an algorithm that can detect the abnormality in heart pulses and the report of it could be sent to the cardiologist concerned through WhatsApp | EXPRESS

Sami Saud, a student of computer engineering at Aligarh Muslim University, took a year-and-a-half to work on a mobile ECG device which will reflect the condition of heart on laptops or mobile phones display, making it easy for the patient to see and reach out to the cardiologist swiftly. Those suspected to have heart issues can carry it around with them.

It will help address issues like sudden cardiac arrest leading to demise of the person within no time, as such cases have gone considerably up after the pandemic.

The finger-sized ECG device has been developed by Saud, a second year student of M.Tech, after going through a complex research process under the guidance of Prof Sarosh Umar and Dr Muneeb Khan of the computer engineering department of AMU.

According to Saud, he initially worked on a hardware for four months but failed to get the required results. He started working on another hardware again and finall, he was able to make a break through. "

Sharing the mode of operation, Saud said that as the finger-sized device is placed at a point on the chest near the heart, it starts measuring the heart beats just like the ECG. "The device would then be connected either to the laptop or mobile phone through blue tooth and generate pictures the pulse on the display.

The device has a built-in machinery algorithm which can detect the abnormality in heart functioning and the report of it could be sent across to the cardiologist concerned through WhatsApp.

After removing the initial glitches and errors, the device was designed afresh. It was tested on the patients with cardiac issues. The device was put to test on cardiology patients of AMU Medical college and general public as well, said Saud. The device gave encouraging results, matching findings of ECG machines installed in hospital. The device was tested for a period of eight months.

On what is the way forward, Saud says that for now, there was some refinement left to be done in the hardware to make it match the industry level. "After completing those modalities, we will go for its patenting by next month. Then we will collaborate with some tech company for its market production," says Saud.

Saud said that the initial cost incurred in making the device stood out to be around ₹12,000, which was a bit inflated but the market value would be around ₹4,000-₹5,000."

FIVE
killed in explosion at rocket and explosives factory in Turkiye

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • SW: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	33	18	TDS	Los Angeles	23	15	LC
Colombo	31	26	LC	Melbourne	19	9	HR
Dhaka	38	28	TDS	Moscow	16	9	HR
Dubai	38	29	SNY	New York	21	13	LC
Houston	29	22	SNY	Singapore	31	27	TDS
Istanbul	23	17	LC	Toronto	18	14	LC
London	22	9	LC	Washington	26	12	LC

Soldiers pose for a photo with the four Indigenous children in the Solano jungle in the Caqueta state of Colombia on Friday | AP

4 KIDS LOST FOR 40 DAYS IN COLOMBIAN AMAZON FOUND ALIVE

BOGOTA

FOUR Indigenous children survived an Amazon plane crash that killed three adults and then wandered on their own in the jungle for 40 days before being found alive by Colombian soldiers.

The announcement of their rescue on Friday brought a happy ending to a saga that had captivated many Colombians, a watch with highs and lows as searchers frantically combed through the rainforest hunting for the youngsters.

President Gustavo Petro celebrated the news upon returning from Cuba. He said he hoped to talk with them on Saturday, and officials said late Friday that the youngsters were being brought to Bogota to be checked at a hospital.

An air force video showed a helicopter using lines to pull the youngsters up because it couldn't land in the dense rainforest where they were found. The craft flew off in the fading light, the air force said it was going to San Jose del Guaviare, a small town on the edge of the jungle. No details were released on how the four siblings aged 13, 9, 4 and 11 months managed to survive on their own for so long, though they belong to an Indigenous group that lives in the remote region. Petro called them an "example of survival" and predicted their saga "will remain in history."

As the search progressed, soldiers found small clues in the jungle that led them to believe the children were still living, including a pair of footprints, a baby bottle, diapers and pieces of fruit that looked like it had been bitten by humans. "The jungle saved them" Petro said. "They are children of the jungle, and now they are also children of Colombia."

The military tweeted pictures showing a group of soldiers and volunteers posing with the children.

The crash happened in the early hours of May 1, after the Cessna plane with six passengers and a pilot declared an emergency due to an engine failure. *AP*

Counteroffensive has begun: Zelenskyy

Ukrainian president says top commanders are in a positive frame of mind, refuses to elaborate on defensive action

KYIV

UKRAINIAN President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said on Saturday that counteroffensive and defensive actions were underway against Russian forces, asserting that his top commanders were in a "positive" mindset as their troops engaged in intense fighting along the front line.

The Ukrainian leader, at a Kyiv news conference responded to a question about Russian President Vladimir Putin's comment a day earlier that Ukraine's counteroffensive had started — and Ukrainian forces were taking "significant losses."

Zelenskyy said that "the counteroffensive, defensive actions are taking place in Ukraine. I will not speak about which stage or phase they are in." "I am in touch with our commanders of different directions every day," he added, citing the names of five of Ukraine's top military leaders. "Everyone is positive. Pass this on to Putin."

Meanwhile, Ukraine's General Staff said on Saturday that "heavy battles" were ongoing, with 34 clashes over the previous day in the country's industrial east. It gave no details but said Russian forces were "defending themselves" and launching air and artillery strikes in Ukraine's southern Kherson and Zaporizhzhia regions.

An apartment building is damaged during a massive Russian drone strike in Odesa, Ukraine on Saturday | AP

At the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant, Europe's largest, which is occupied by Russian forces, five out of six reactors were already in a state of cold shutdown, that's a process in which all control rods are inserted into the reactor core to stop the nuclear fission reaction and generation of heat and pressure.

Energoatom, the Ukrainian nuclear agency, said in a statement late Friday that there was "no direct threat" to the Zaporizhzhia plant due to the breach of the Kakhovka dam further down the Dnieper River, which has forced thousands of people to flee flooding and also sharply reduced water levels in a reservoir used to help cool the facility.

Energoatom said it shut down the final reactor due to that, and also because of shelling near the site that has damaged overhead lines connecting the plant to Ukraine's energy system.

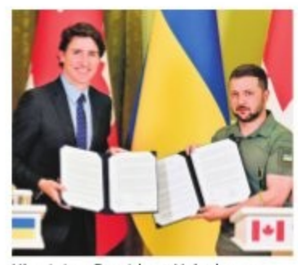
With all nuclear reactions stopped, temperatures and pressure inside reactors gradually decline, reducing the required intensity of water cooling of the radioactive fuel. This is a nuclear power plant's safest operating mode. Energoatom employees are working at power plant, although it remains controlled by Russians. *AP*

Trudeau visits Kyiv, declares $500 mn in new military aid

KYIV

CANADIAN Prime Minister Justin Trudeau made an unannounced visit to Kyiv on Saturday as Ukrainian forces were engaged in fierce fighting against Russian troops on the southern front line.

Trudeau, the first foreign leader to visit Ukraine since devastating floods caused by a breach in a Dnieper River dam, offered up monetary, military and moral support for Ukraine. He pledged $500 million in new military aid, on top of $8 billion that Canada has already provided since the war began in February 2022, and announced $10 million for humanitarian assistance for the flood response.



Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy (R) and Canadian PM Justin Trudeau in Kyiv | AFP

Trudeau said the dam's collapse was "a direct consequence of Russia's war," but he didn't blame Moscow directly.

Trudeau also visited an open-air exhibition featuring destroyed military vehicles.

Ukraine's Deputy Defence Minister Oleksandr Polishchuk handed Trudeau a container holding shrapnel from a rocket that fell on the Black Sea port city of Odesa.

A group of Ukrainian soldiers who received training in Canada spoke with Trudeau. One of them, Colonel Petro Ostapchuk, told reporters the troops received training for elite shooters, engineers and young commanders.

"It's a great privilege to meet the prime minister," he said.

Canada, which hosts a large Ukrainian diaspora, has been one of Kyiv's key allies since the Russian invasion.

Ottawa has provided Ukraine with significant military aid, trained more than 36,000 soldiers and adopted sanctions against Moscow. *Agencies*

ASIA MATTERS

ROGUE SURFER TO BE DEPORTED TO AUSTRALIA

Indonesia's authorities were set to deport on Saturday an Australian surfer who apologised for attacking several people while drunk and naked in the deeply conservative Muslim province of Aceh. Bodhi Mani Risby-Jones, 23, from Queensland, was detained in late April on Simeulue Island, a surf resort, after police accused him of going on a drunken rampage that left a fisherman with serious injuries. Risby-Jones was released from prison on Tuesday after he went through a restorative justice process, apologised for the attack and agreed to pay compensation to the fisherman

NEW SITE IN UNESCO'S GEOPARK LIST

Thailand's PM has received documents officially certifying Khorat Geopark in Nakhon Ratchasima as the second UNESCO Global Geopark in Thailand. This certification grants the province the distinction of being a UNESCO Triple Heritage City, *NNT* reported. Khorat Geopark on May 17 received the official approval from the UNESCO Executive Board as a Global Geopark. The Global Geopark status recognises Nakhon Ratchasima province as a UNESCO Triple Heritage City. The province's Sakaerat area was deemed a Biosphere Reserve in 1976

KNIFE ATTACK SUSPECT CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER

PARIS

FRENCH judges on Saturday handed preliminary charges of attempted murder to a man suspected of stabbing four young children and two adults in a French Alps park, an attack that reverberated across France and beyond.

The suspect, a 31-year-old Syrian refugee with permanent Swedish residency, has a 3-year-old daughter living in Sweden, regional prosecutor Line Bonnet-Mathis said. Witnesses told investigators that the suspect mentioned his daughter, his wife and Jesus Christ during the attack on Thursday targeting a playground in the lakeside town of Annecy.

The victims, who came from multiple countries, are no longer in life-threatening condition, the prosecutor said. The kids, between 22 months and 3 years old, remain hospitalised.

Police detained the suspect in the lakeside park in the town of Annecy after bystanders — notably, a Catholic pilgrim who repeatedly swung at the attacker with his backpack — sought to deter him.

The suspected attacker, whose name was not released, was presented to investigating judges in Annecy on Saturday and given charges of attempted murder and armed resistance, Bonnet-Mathis said. He is in custody pending further investigation.

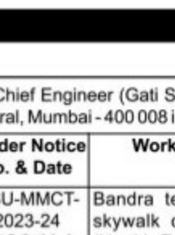
The suspect refused to talk to investigators, and was examined by a psychiatrist and other doctors who deemed him fit to face charges, the prosecutor said. She said that the motive remained unclear, but it didn't appear to be terrorism-related.

Witnesses said they heard the attacker mention his daughter, his wife and Jesus Christ, as per the prosecutor. *AP*

BoJo quits as UK lawmaker over Partygate

LONDON

FORMER UK PM Boris Johnson left chaos in his wake on Saturday after quitting Parliament with a blast at fellow lawmakers he accused of ousting him in a "witch hunt."



Boris Johnson

As opponents jeered, the Conservative government absorbed the shock of yet another Johnson earthquake, while a band of loyal supporters insisted Britain's divisive ex-leader could still make a comeback. Two Johnson allies joined him in quitting the House of Commons, piling pressure on PM Rishi Sunak. Less than a year after he was forced out as PM, Johnson unexpectedly stepped down as a lawmaker late on Friday — "at least for now," he said.

Johnson quit after being told he will be sanctioned for misleading Parliament over "partygate," a series of rule-breaking gatherings in the prime minister's office during the coronavirus pandemic. Johnson was among scores of people fined by police over late-night soirees, boozy parties and "wine time Fridays" that broke restrictions the government had imposed on the country.

A standards committee investigating him appears to see things differently. Johnson quit after receiving the report of the Privileges Committee, which has not yet been made public. Johnson faced suspension from the House of Commons if the committee found that he had lied deliberately. *AP*

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that my clients **Sri. M. Annamalai,** S/o P. Manicka Chettiar and Smt. A. Kalaimathi, W/o M. Annamalai, both are R/at No.22, Sri Saraswathi Nilaya, 1st Cross, Nanjappa Reddy Layout, 8th Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru-5600095 are intending to purchase the schedule property from **(1)** Smt.R.Sudha, **(2)** Sri.R.Lingaraj, **(3)** Smt.R.Shobha **(4)** Smt.R.Sunitha, and **(5)** Smt.R.Bhagya children of Late H.Ramaiah, residents of No.555, 11th Cross, 6th Main Road, 2nd Stage, BTM Layout, Bengaluru-560 076.

If anybody has any claims or interest over the schedule property or objection to the Sale transaction may file their claim or objections to the under signed in writing with supporting documents **within 7 days** from the date of publication of this notice. If any claim or objections are not received within the stipulated time, my client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction to purchase the property free from all encumbrance. Any claims received beyond 7 days will not be considered.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the New Site No. 19. Old Site No.60, situated at Devegowda Layout, 2nd cross, Adugodi, Bengaluru-560 030, measuring East to West: 45 feet and North to South: 30 feet, totally measuring 1350 sq.ft. and bounded on: **East by:** Road, **West by:** Property of Huchaiah, **North by:** Property of Narasamma and **South by:** Property of Chennamma.

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RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.1,27,17,095/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Seven Lakh Seventeen Thousand and Ninety Five only)** as on **07-06-2023** together with further interest to be charged from **08-06-2023** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) Mr. N. Parameshwar, S/o. T. Narayan, No.605, 2nd Cross, K R Garden, Opp. NDDB, Koramangala, 8th Block, Bangalore - 560 095. No.2) Mrs. N.Jyothi, W/o. N. Parameshwar, No.605, 2nd Cross, K R Garden, Opp. NDDB, Koramangala, 8th Block, Bangalore - 560 095.**

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
(Properties owned by Mr.N.Parameshwar S/o.T.Narayan)

Schedule - A

All that piece and parcel of the immovable Residential Converted Property bearing Sy.No.41/5, measuring 01 acre 02 guntas of converted land and 01 Gunta Kharab, converted vide order No.ALN(EVH)SR/505/2007-08 dated : 08-12-2008 approved by Spl. Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, measuring 01 acre 03 guntas situated at Doddakannahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, BBMP Bangalore with a building constructed as per a BBMP approved building sanctioned plan vide LP No.429/2012-13, bounded by : East by : Sy.No.40 of H.V.Narayana Reddy, West by : Sy.No.41/6 of K.T.Muniswamy Reddy's Land, North by : Road, South by : Sy.No.41/1 of D.M.Annaiah Reddy's Land.

Schedule - B

475 Sq.Ft. undivided share, Right, Title and interest in the Schedule "A" property.

Schedule - C

All that piece and parcel of the immovable Residential Flat No.B-403 in Block D in Fourth Floor, "KPR SUNRISE SQUARE" built in SCHEDULE "A" property, measuring 1,620 Sq.ft. of super builtup area, containing 2.5 Bed Rooms, Hall Dining Room, Kitchen, Vitrified Tiles being used for the flooring, Honne and Mathi wood being used for all the doors and windows including the main door along with one covered car parking area in the Basement.

Reserve Price : Rs. 34,00,000/-
(Rupees Thirty Four Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
04-07-2023	City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Banashankari Branch, 784, II Phase 7th Block, Banashankari, III Stage, 100 Ft. Road, Bengaluru – 560 085. Telephone No. 080-26423599, Cell No. 9379877590

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Banashankari Branch, 784, II Phase 7th Block, Banashankari, III Stage, 100 Ft. Road, Bengaluru – 560 085. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No. 080-26423599, Cell No. 9379877590. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 09-06-2023 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform General public that our client intends to develop the immoveable property more fully set out in the Schedule given below owned by **Smt. SUDHA G, W/o. Ravi M, Aged about 46 Years, Residing at SLN Road, Jigani Village & Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District ("Owner")** who represents that she is the absolute owner and is in continuous possession of the same.

The Owner represents that she has obtained plan approved from Satellite Town Ring Road Planning Authority (STRRPA) for the formation of residential layout on the Schedule Property comprising of 174 sites of various dimensions thereon vide Sanction plan dated 23/11/2018 bearing No. STRRPA/TP/LAO/62/2017-18 and warrants that she has neither conveyed nor has entered into any agreement of sale/memorandum of understanding/ Joint Development Agreement nor have entered into any sort of arrangement with any persons/s for sale/transfer of the Schedule Property and 174 sites to be formed thereon nor has encumbered/mortgaged/created any charge or lien in any manner.

Any person/s, institutions, banks etc. whomsoever having any valid right, title and interest or charge/ claim in the Schedule Property or any sites to be formed thereon, shall write to Undersigned along with the documentary proof of such ownership or claim within **15 days** from the date of this notice, failing which it shall be deemed and concluded by our Client and its/his nominees that Schedule Property and 174 sites to be formed thereon are free of all encumbrances, charges, claims, interest of whatsoever of any nature and our client shall proceed aforesaid transaction with the owners as if no such claims exist or that they have been waived or abandoned. Any objections and/ or claims received after the expiry of the notice period mentioned above shall neither be entertained nor be binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of land bearing various survey numbers as described hereunder and are converted for residential purpose situated at Rachamaranahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, totally ad-measuring 11Acres 16 Guntas excluding 13 Guntas of Kharab.

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3.	89/3	00	23	01	Sy.No. 93/3	Sy.No. 86/2	Sy.No. 89/2	Sy.No. 90/3
4.	90/2	00	23	00	Sy.No. 93/2	Raja kaluve & Sy.No. 86/3	Sy.No. 90/3	Sy.No. 90/1
5.	90/3	01	06	02	Sy.No. 93/2 and 93/3	Raja kaluve & Sy.No. 86/3	Sy.No. 89/3	Sy.No. 90/2
6.	91	00	31	02	Sy.No. 93/2	Raja kaluve & Sy.No. 86/4	Sy.No. 90/1	Sy.No. 92/1
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9.	93/1	01	08		Samanduru Village Border	Sy.No. 92/2	Sy.No. 93/2	Sy.No. 94/1 & 94/2
10.	93/2	01	05		Samanduru Village Border	Sy.No. 91 and 92/1	Sy.No. 93/3	Sy.No. 93/1
11	94/1	00	11		Sy.No.94/2	Sy.No.92/2	Sy.No.93/1	Sy.No.95/1 & Sy.No.94/2
12.	94/2	00	26		Samanduru Village Border	Sy.No. 95/1	Sy.No. 94/1 and 93/1	Sy.No. 95/5
13.	95/2	00	08	01	Sy.No. 95/3	Raja Kaluve	Sy.No. 95/1	Sy.No. 95/4
14.	95/4	00	08		Sy.No. 95/5	Raja Kaluve	Sy.No. 95/2 and 95/3	Sy.No. 98/1
15.	95/5	00	17		Samanduru Village Boundary	Sy.No. 95/3 and 95/4	Sy.No. 94/2	Sy.No. 98/6
16.	96/1	00	11.5		Raja kaluve Sy.No. 95/1	Sy.No. 96/4	Sy.No. 86/5	Sy.No. 96/3 and 96/2
17.	96/2	00	6		Raja kaluve Sy.No. 95/2	Sy.No. 96/3	Sy.No. 96/1	Sy.No. 97/2
18.	96/3	00	5.5		Sy.No. 96/2	Sy.No. 129	Sy.No. 96/1	Sy.No. 97/3 and 97/2
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BETWEEN:1) Guramma W/o. Venkataswami aged about 65 years **2) Ramesha** S/o. Venkataswami aged about 46 years **3) V. Chandra** S/o. Venkataswami aged about 32 years Residing at Chikka Gollarahatti, Indira Colony, Bengaluru North Taluk Bengaluru ...PETITIONERS
AND: The Tahasildhar, Register of Births and Deaths Bengaluru North Taluk, Bangalore ...RESPONDENT
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India's semiconductor dream: A work in progress

Experts pin hope on country's prospect of becoming semiconductor hub, critics raise doubts

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

INDIA'S dream of becoming a semiconductor hub is work in progress, with a long-winding road ahead of it.

It certainly didn't make best of start. Vedanta-Foxconn, which announced the ₹1.5 lakh crore semiconductor plant in Gujarat last year, was stymied by the government. It didn't approve Vedanta-Foxconn's application to set up the semiconductor fab (fabrication unit). Instead it asked the joint venture to reapply for the same.

Critics have raised doubts about India's ambitious plans to become a semiconductor hub as the country has not made any significant progress in the industry, even after over a year-and-a-half since announcing the PLI scheme.

Why making semiconductor is important for India

This is certainly worrying for the country, considering that the Indian semiconductor market is projected to reach $80.3 billion by 2028 at a CAGR of 17%. In simple terms, if the country fails to develop its semiconductor ecosystem, it will have to rely solely on imports, which will increase its import bill. Furthermore, it will make it difficult to achieve its target of a $300 billion electronics manufacturing ecosystem with $120 billion in exports by 2026.

Seizing the opportunity

India started considering seriously the development of a semiconductor ecosystem only after Covid-19, when the entire industry was disrupted and production of electronic items worldwide came to a halt due to the lockdown. Termed as the most vital part for any electronic item, the shortage of semiconductors created massive problems for the electronic manufacturing industries. This made the world rethink its dependency on a single country, Taiwan, which manufactures 90% of the chips used worldwide, for such a vital item.

India saw it as an opportunity to develop its semiconductor ecosystem, and in December 2021, it announced a ₹76,000 crore Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme to invite major players to start semiconductor manufacturing in the country. However, it is easier said than done, as nothing concrete has been done on the ground other than the announcements and tie-ups.

Tiding over teething troubles

Can India tide over the teething problems, and create a semiconductors manufacturing ecosystem? Experts and the government maintain it can.

The government is confident it will make India a semiconductor nation. Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, said India is becoming a semiconductor nation, which is not a small task. "It is a complex area. But in many areas of semiconductors, we are making progress," said the minister. He said the entire GPS system will be powered by an Indian-designed Navic chip, developed in partnership with government and private sector start-ups. "In packaging, soon there will be some proposals that are critical to the technology space," he added.

Do other stakeholders share the same confidence that Rajeev Chandrashekhar exudes?

As per Anurag Awasthi, vice-president of India Electronics and Semiconductor Association (IESA), unlike other domains, this space is capital and technology-intensive with low margins for failure. It is, therefore, perceived by most that it is taking time, but it is work in progress. "Any requirement stems from a need, need gives a purpose, purpose gives policy and policies drive processes," said Awasthi. Satya Gupta, President, VLSI Society of India, says semiconductor manufacturing is a long-haul game, and India is on the right track.

"A lot of ground-work has been done over the past 12-15 months, in terms of development of infrastructure and ecosystem, fine tuning the policy. Incentives for compound semiconductors, ATMP and legacy nodes have been increased to 50%, future design initiatives have been launched, 8 semiconductor product firms have been selected for funding, and most significantly, global marketing, policies, incentives and market possibilities by the government," said Gupta.

Semiconductors are the building blocks of electronic devices. They are used to power an array of devices, ranging from smartphones and cloud servers to modern cars, industrial automation, critical infrastructure and defence systems.

However, producing it is an equally tedious process as it requires many components and technicalities. India's tryst with semiconductors started in late December 2021, when the Union Cabinet approved a PLI scheme with an outlay of ₹76,000 crore for this purpose.

The scheme was modified on September 21, 2022, in which the government offered fiscal support of 50% of project cost uniformly for semiconductor fabs across the technology nodes, as well as for compound semiconductors, packaging and other semiconductor facilities.

The government received only three applications from Vedanta-Foxconn JV, IGSS Ventures, and ISMC, a joint venture between UAE-based investment firm Next Orbit Ventures and Israel-based Tower Semiconductor. No big names like Intel, TSMC, Samsung, Global Foundries, and Micron applied for these incentives.

Gupta of VLSI Society of India said after the announcement of the semiconductor mission, a 45-day window was given to submit applications. For the global companies this is a relatively short period, they need at least six months to make a decision. "The announcement of opening the window for applications till the end of 2024 is much-needed and a welcome move," said Gupta.

Last week, the government invited fresh applications for setting up Semiconductor Fabs and Display Fabs, starting June 1, 2023. Companies can apply for the scheme till December 2024. "Now, proper marketing for the mission is being done globally and companies have sufficient time to prepare to submit their applications, many global firms like Micron Technology for memory packaging are showing interest," added Gupta.

Awasthi of IESA feels with the focus of government in this sector and the present geopolitics situation, a large number of global players are viewing India as a favourable destination. A consultant advising one of the companies looking for investing in India's semiconductor ecosystem tells TNIE on the condition of anonymity that to succeed in developing itself as a semiconductor manufacturing hub, the government must ensure domestic availability of raw materials (such as silicon and germanium), availability of large quantities of pure water, a stable power supply, vibration resistant terrain, reliable logistics and proper waste disposal.

Hence, apart from fiscal support from the government, India could also focus on few of these infrastructural areas to create a conducive environment for a semiconductor manufacturing ecosystem.

Scheme for setting up Semiconductor Fabs

FISCAL SUPPORT TO ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

- 28nm or lower - Up to 50% of the project cost
- Above 28 nm to 45nm - Up to 40% of the project cost
- Above 45 nm to 65nm - Up to 30% of the project cost

SCHEME FOR SETTING UP OF DISPLAY FABS IN INDIA:

Scheme provides fiscal support of up to 50% of project cost, subject to a ceiling of `12,000 crore per Fab for setting up TFT LCD / AMOLED based display fabrication facilities in the country

Scheme for setting up of compound semiconductors, silicon photonics, sensors Fab and semiconductor assembly, testing, marking and packaging (ATMP) / OSAT facilities in India:

- Scheme provides fiscal support of 30% of the capital expenditure to eligible applicants

Design Linked Incentive (DLI) scheme offers financial incentives, design infrastructure support across stages of development and deployment of semiconductor design for integrated circuits (ICs), chipsets, system on chips (SoCs), systems & IP cores

Scheme provides "product design linked incentive" up to 50% of eligible expenditure, subject to ceiling of ₹15 cr per application and "deployment linked incentive" of 4%- 6% of net sales turnover over 5 yrs

Govt revises semiconductor PLI scheme

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE government on Saturday modified the semiconductor manufacturing schemes. Now, the approval for setting up of compound semiconductors and display fabs assembly and test units will be issued by the Union Cabinet on June 10, 2023. The Cabinet will be the sole authority to grant approval for applications under the PLI scheme.

Earlier, the approval for applications involving a value up to ₹100 crore used to be issued by the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeITY) and those above ₹100 crore were evaluated by the Union Minister for Electronics and IT.

"Applications shall be appraised and evaluated individually on an ongoing basis. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology will place the applications for approval of the Union Cabinet," the notification stated.

NEWSCOPE

INDIAN OVERSEAS EARNINGS POUR IN, BUT THERE IS A RED FLAG

GURBIR SINGH

INDIANS working abroad account for the highest remittances to their home country. Mexico is a distant second. The Reserve Bank (RBI) is likely to release the balance of payments data for FY2023 by the end of June, and it is widely expected that that remittances made by Indian workers will not only cross the $100 billion mark, but could even touch $110 billion. The projection to breach the $100 bn mark is based on World Bank's November 2022 'Migration and Development Brief' which says for the first 9 months of the calendar year, Indians had repatriated $81.6 billion.

The World Bank report also showed Indian income earners withstood global headwinds far better than the rest of the developing world. Compared to the 5% growth of worker remittances to low and middle income countries for the first 9 months of 2022, remittances by Indians working abroad shot up 12%.

These remittances have played a crucial 'balancing' role for the economy. They have been a bulwark against the oil shocks of 1973, 1979 and 1990-91 by cushioning foreign exchange reserves, and ensuring a debt servicing record free of default. During the pandemic, when exports sank to the bottom, they covered the growing deficit. Workers' remittances are the largest constituent of current receipts after merchandise exports; and finance more than 15% of current payments since 2001.

The World Bank rightly notes that these remittances are vital tomaintaining and improving the quality of life back home. "They alleviate poverty, improve nutritional outcomes, and are associated with increased birth weight and higher school enrollment rates for children in disadvantaged households."

Changing expat profile

Researchers have documented the changing character of expatriate Indians over the years. The first phase, beginning in the early 1950s, was the outflow of mainly those with technical skills and professional expertise to the labour hungry markets of the UK, USA and Canada, and to a smaller extent, Western Europe and Australia. To the US, highly skilled workers made up as much as 57% of the total outflow. The movement was slow and moderate.

The second phase in comparison was a stampede. The oil boom of 1973 and after created a surge of economic activity in the oil-rich countries triggering a flood of job seekers. It was characterised by demand for low-to-intermediate skill content, and high turnover and burnout rates. Large numbers returned home after an average 2-3 year stint.

The third – the New Wave since the mid-1990s – is the shift back from low-grade skilled personnel to the rapid 'brain drain' from universities and technical institutions to service the IT revolution in the advanced countries. Short term contracts that led to reverse migration we saw in the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) countries like Saudi Arabia was replaced by permanent migration of a talented workforce that became permanently part of the host countries.

The changing profile of the expat ensured a galloping growth in remittances. In 1990-91, worker remittances to India were just $1.7 billion, but by 2000-01, they had rapidly grown to over $11.5 billion. Over the next two decades, this has exploded 10-fold, and we are now poised to cross $100 billion for 2022.

Why the stampede?

There's flip side to this story. If there are so many Indians moving abroad, and sending their earnings home, there must be some unhappiness and hurt; or is it unfulfilled aspiration that is triggering such a large migration? It is a herculean effort to cut one's umbilical cord with family and community, travel thousands of miles and set up a profession and home from scratch. Why are so many doing it?

The Union Ministry of External Affairs says there are 32 million Indians of various categories residing outside India, and overseas Indians comprise the world's largest diaspora. Every year 2.5 million Indians migrate overseas, the highest annual number of migrants in the world.

When we travel through London's Heathrow Airport, one cannot miss near retirement Punjabi women in their flowing, Pathani salwars cleaning the floors and toilets. What are doing there, we've all wondered. Or, the thousands of young IT specialists who flood Microsoft's HQ at Richmond – so many Telugu-speaking software nerds that the campus magazine comes out in English, Spanish and Telugu!

Should we celebrate the achievement of these expatriates, or should we be concerned? There's something going wrong. At the bottom of the pyramid, young men in small district towns without jobs are moving to the Gulf as carpenters and plumbers. Those with higher tech skills find their placements are not good enough, and long-term career prospects are better abroad.

Global Wealth Migration Review data showed that around 7,000 Indian millionaires moved abroad permanently in 2020. They perhaps found doing business was easier abroad. MOEF data also shows nearly 9 lakh Indians have given up their citizenship over the last 7 years since 2015. Many of these fear political persecution.

While we celebrate the breaching of $100 billion mark in remittances, we should also see the red flag: Why are so many people looking for the good life on foreign shores?

SOURAV ROY

Finance ministry, RBI on same page on 6.5% GDP growth for FY24: CEA

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

THE Ministry of Finance and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) are on the same page when it comes to the growth outlook for the current fiscal at 6.5%, Chief economic advisor V Anantha Nageswaran said on Saturday.

Nageswaran said India's economic growth momentum is strong enough to overcome external risk factors. "Both the ministry of finance and the RBI are on the same page with the growth forecast for the current fiscal which is 6.5% with risks evenly balanced. The domestic economic growth momentum is strong enough to overcome external risk factors," Nageswaran said at an event organised by the Bharat Chambers of Commerce here.

Meanwhile, on the issue of risks posed before the country in view of artificial intelligence and ChatGPT, the CEA said in the short term, it may not be a lose-lose proposition as the companies can take on more number of projects than before which can lead to employment generation. "However, in the long term, it may have implications for certain industries and jobs. So it is a multi-pronged, multi-year approach, we need to do to harness its benefits and limit the negative impacts it can have. We are aware of these issues," he added. Besides this, Raman Chopra, joint secretary, Revenue Department of finance ministry, said the government is monitoring compliance issues coming in the way of ease of doing business. He added that despite tax cuts there has been a growth in revenue collection because of voluntary compliance. "The government has been successful in revenue growth. Despite tax rates being reduced, revenue has increased which is due to voluntary compliance," Chopra said.

TVS Motor fully acquires Swiss E-Mobility Group after buying residual stake

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

TVS MOTOR has fully acquired Swiss E-Mobility Group (Holding) AG (SEMG) after it bought out the residual 25% stake in the e-bike company for a sum of ₹176 crore. TVS Motor Company Limited had, through its Singapore subsidiary, TVS Motor (Singapore) Pte Ltd, acquired 75% stake in SEMG on January 27, 2022.

In the latest deal announced on Saturday, the company acquired 38,217 common equity shares of SEMG at 517.36 Swiss Franc per share. The total consideration of the deal comes at about 19.77 million Swiss Franc or ₹176 crore. The shareholders agreement executed between TVS Singapore, minority shareholders and SEMG, after the transaction on 27 January 2022 provided the minority shareholders with a put option right to sell their 25% balance stake in SEMG. The minority shareholders exercised the Put Option on 17 May 2023 and accordingly, a share purchase agreement was executed on 9 June 2023 between TVS Singapore and the minority shareholders for the sale of Sale Shares to TVS Singapore.

SEMG is a fully integrated e-bike platform with its core business consisting of purchase and re-sale of own branded e-bikes, third party branded e-bikes and spare parts via retail and online stores in Switzerland and Germany. SEMG has a network of 34 retail stores in Switzerland and 2 stores in Germany.

EXPRESS READ

Unemployment rate falls to 7.7% in May

MUMBAI: Unemployment rate in India fell to 7.7% in May due to a fall in labour participation at 441.9 million, as per data released by private economic think tank CMIE. Unemployment rate in India among people aged 15 years and above fell to 7.7% in May 2023. *PTI*

Vedanta Ltd wins bid for iron ore block in Goa

NEW DELHI: Vedanta on Saturday said it has been declared as "preferred bidder" for an iron ore mine in Goa. Goa government had invited tenders to participate in auction for grant of mining lease in respect of iron ore mines in the state, it said in a regulatory statement. *PTI*

Business & Beyond

GAIL (India) awarded 'Best Natural Gas Pipeline Transportation Company of the Year Award'

GAIL (India) Limited has been awarded the prestigious 'Best Natural Gas Pipeline Transportation Company of the Year Award' and 'Best Managed Project of the Year Award' for the Vijaipur-Auraiya Pipeline Project at the Oil & Gas Awards 2022 in Delhi, by the Federation of Indian Petroleum Industry (FIPI).

POWERGRID's former Dir(Pers.) Dr. VK Singh appointed as CEO of PSSC

Dr. V. K. Singh, former Director (Personnel) of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Power Sector Skill Council (PSSC). He is a highly decorated global business leader with nearly 38 years of professional experience in the HR domain, handling various HR-gamut as IR, Learning & Development, Talent Acquisition, Talent Management, Employee Engagement etc. He was also the President of Maharatna HR Forum, which is a leading forum of HR Fraternity in the Indian Maharatna CPSE Sector focusing to collaborate, highlight, brainstorm and resolve macro-level sectorial issues of common concern amongst the Maharatnas.

World Environment Day observed at Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata

Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata, celebrated World Environment Day on 5th June 2023 at Mobile X - Ray container scanning yard at Kolkata Dock System by planting native species of the locality. The plantation programme was inaugurated by Shri Rathendra Raman, Chairman, SMP, Kolkata. Shri Samrat Rahi, Dy Chairman(K) along with HODs, Dy. Commandent, CISF, Senior Officers and Employees were participated the programme. The theme of this year is "Beat Plastic Pollution". Accordingly a plastic cleaning drive was also undertaken in the last week at Khidderpore Dock areas, where Chief Engineer along with and Officers of Civil Engineering Department were attended the programme. Dock basin cleaning was also undertaken by Marine Department.

Sreeshankar third in Paris Diamond League

Indian long jumper Murali Sreeshankar secured a creditable third place in the Paris Diamond League with a jump of 8.09m. Sreeshankar achieved his best jump of the day in his third attempt on Friday. Olympic champion Miltiadis Tentoglou of Greece and Simon Ehammer (Switzerland) finished ahead of Sreeshankar with jumps of 8.13m and 8.11m respectively.

INDIA DIG IN BEFORE FINAL LAUNCH

Chasing a mammoth target, Kohli and Rahane keep team alive despite losing wickets against run of play on Day 4

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
EXPRESS @ WTC FINAL
LONDON

Virat Kohli (left) and Ajinkya Rahane put on an unbeaten partnership of 71 runs to give India hope going into final day | AFP

SHORTLY before tea on Saturday, the mood turned. As if a batch of rain-bearing clouds had replaced blue-bird skies without any warning. In pursuit of history, India were motoring along. The crowd, a majority of them wearing blue, had settled in with their post-lunch beer mugs and accompaniments. On the field, the Australians were already forced into one ball change; the effect of leaking five boundaries inside the first four overs. They did have 444 runs to play with but Rohit Sharma and Shubman Gill had very quickly set the tempo. So, Pat Cummins removed himself and gave the replacement ball to Mitchell Starc.

Off Starc's second delivery, Sharma helped the short ball behind square for a six. That was the mood the two openers were in. Forget about playing for tea. With one over remaining for the break, Scott Boland was entrusted with the task of trying to break the partnership. He did just that, inducing a false shot from Gill whose ill-advised waft away from the body found the outside edge.

What lit the blue torch paper, though, was what happened afterwards. The thick edge flew wide off Cameron Green whose acrobatic one-handed grab was played over and over again on the big screens. While Gill stood his ground — as he was entitled to — the third umpire took his time, pouring over the finer details of the catch from all angles available to him (with no soft signal to guide him, he was free to make his own decision, his own interpretation). While replays were inconclusive to say the least, the umpire was of the opinion that Green's fingers were underneath the ball.

As soon as 'Out' flashed on the screen, the capacity crowd made their displeasure known. "Cheat, cheat, cheat,' rained down the terraces as the teams made their off for tea. Both batters reacted to the decision with an element of disbelief; while Gill was shocked, Sharma screamed. After tea, the crowd had fully brought into the theory that Gill was robbed. When Green was brought into the attack, they welcomed him with chants of 'cheat'. The wicket couldn't have come at a worse time for the team.

They also lost the wickets of a well-set Sharma and an aggressive Cheteshwar Pujara before close of play but Sunday morning will dawn with the promise of hope and history for a team aiming to win their first ICC title in a decade. It's simple, really. They either have to bat the whole day to share the title or successfully chase down a target of 444. The record chase, as it stands, is 418 (West Indies against Australia). At stumps, India were 164/3.

All four results are still possible as the pitch seems to have lost that bit of bite it had. There is still some sort of uneven bounce but it isn't as extreme as it was on the first few days. There is a lot of rough outside the left-hander's off-stump but India have only southpaw and Australia do not have a front-line leg-spinner.

If Sharma, Gill and, to a lesser extent, Pujara (he got out while trying to ramp Cummins), set the tone with a positive mindset, Virat Kohli kept up the run-scoring. While Ajinkya Rahane, who sustained a finger injury during his first essay, was a touch more cautious, India's No. 4 looked at ease during his unbeaten xx. Some of the shots he played was worth the admission fee alone. One shot, an off-drive off Mitchell Starc just as the shadows were beginning to lengthen across the ground, will be a part of the highlights reel.

The one unmistakable aspect of India's chase on Saturday was the way they had paced their innings. They scored a high percentage of their runs in boundaries (102 out of 163) and played out only two maidens across 40 overs.

Of course, it won't be easy on Sunday. Chasing history — climbing Everest — is hard work. Late in the day, Lyon found Rahane's outside edge but Alex Carey couldn't hold on. Can India hold on? They have flirted with the idea of winning several global titles in the recent past. Yet they have found themselves short when it really mattered. A final here against Pakistan. A semifinal there against England. Knockout bouts against New Zealand. Now, this batch of players are in the unique position of composing a victory song that will stand the test of history.

As the fans dispersed, their moods had turned again. A reminder that there's a golden sky at the end of a storm. As far as India is concerned, will the sky be golden on Sunday? The ride could be exhilarating.

SCOREBOARD: Australia 1st Innings: 469; **India 1st Innings:** 296; **Australia 2nd Innings** (o/n 123/4) Labuschagne c Pujara b Umesh 41, Green b Jadeja 25, Carey (not out) 66, Starc c Kohli b Shami 41, Cummins c (sub) Axar b Shami 5, **Extras:** (B-9, LB-9, W-6, NB-2) 26; **Total:** (for 8 wickets in 84.3 ovs) 270; **FoW:** 5-124, 6-167, 7-260, 8-270; **Bowling:** Shami 16.3-3-63-2, Siraj 20-2-80-1, Thakur 8-1-21-0, Yadav 17-1-54-2, Jadeja 23-4-58-3. **India 2nd Innings:** Sharma lbw Lyon 43, Gill c Green b Boland 18; Pujara c Carey b Cummins 27, Kohli (batting) 44, Rahane (batting) 20; **Extras** (NB-5, LB-1, W-6) 12; **Total** (for three wickets after 40 ovs) **164; FoW:** 1-41, 2-92, 3-93; **Bowling:** Cummins 9-0-42-1, Boland 11-1-38-1, Starc 7-0-45-0, Green 2-0-6-0, Lyon 11-1-32-1.

Fans serenading cricketers outside stadium

THE public are, at times, put through the proverbial wringer in India. Here, not so much. The main roads are not closed for traffic, vehicular movement isn't affected. In fact, they are allowed to stand right next to the area where players of both teams are dropped on matchdays. Around 9.00 AM, fans have been assembling to a dedicated area with their mobiles at the ready to get a few videos for posterity. Unsurprisingly the likes of Virat Kohli has gotten the most cheer.

Tickets in black go for plenty

AS soon as you exit the Oval metro station and make your way on to Harleyford Street, you won't miss the couple of folks selling tickets for the WTC final. They have been ever present right through the Test and made their presence felt on Saturday. "Are you looking for a pair of tickets? Yours for 160 pounds," one of the resellers told a couple of Indians who had travelled from Mumbai and Chennai. The offer came with a catch. "If you go to the Stadium and come back to get these tickets, they will end up costing 240 pounds." The fans didn't take them up on the offer.

GILL CATCH — WTC FINAL PLAYING CONDITION RULES SAY

33.2.1 A catch will be fair only if, in every case either the ball, at any time or any fielder in contact with the ball, is not grounded beyond the boundary before the catch is completed. **33.2.2** Furthermore, a catch will be fair if any of the following conditions applies:

33.2.2.1 the ball is held in the hand or hands of a fielder, even if the hand holding the ball is touching the ground, or is hugged to the body, or lodges in the external protective equipment worn by a fielder, or lodges accidentally in a fielder's clothing.

33.2.2.2 a fielder catches the ball after it has been lawfully struck more than once by the striker, but only if it has not been grounded since it was first struck. See clause 34 (Hit the ball twice).

I think I caught it. In the heat of the moment, I thought it was clean. And the third umpire agreed with me — Cameroon Green

He (third umpire) could have taken some more time. This is WTC Final, not a normal match. He could have zoomed in... but it's all part of the game — Md Shami

Australia will be involved in Ashes series soon after the match against India | AP

WTC a test before big summer for Australia

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ London

FOR India, the World Test Championship final is a chance to bookend a fairly successful two-year campaign. After the assignment against Australia, they get a month's rest before the Tour of West Indies, their first trip of the next WTC cycle.

For Australia, the WTC final comes at a curious time. At some level, it's almost the undercard for their main event of the Summer, an away Ashes. Sure, Pat Cummins, who has been the Test skipper for the majority of this WTC cycle, will like to get his hands on the ICC title but the subtext for the majority of the last 10 days has been hard to miss.

Till Friday night, four Australians (Steve Smith twice, Travis Head, Pat Cummins and Mitchell Starc) have had press conferences. Almost every question they have been asked links back to the Ashes in some way, shape or form.

If it's not about countering Bazball, it's about deciding between picking Scott Boland or Josh Hazlewood, the ChatGPT answer to the pacer ideally suited to exploit English conditions. A day before the match, Cummins was asked about how he was viewing the final considering a few people — perhaps tongue-in-cheek — were referring to this as a 'warm-up' for the Ashes. To be fair to Cummins, he did say 'this (the final) was an event in itself'.

Starc, who has had an up and down Test so far, had to remind the Australian cricket press corps that the final was still up in the air after Friday's third day. "There will be plenty of discussions after this game (when asked about his plans for the Ashes)," he said. "First and foremost, we need to win a Test Championship and then we will focus on the England side with the next five Tests." To another question on the venues he prefers in England, he once again had to speak about the Test at The Oval. "Based on the last time, not many," he smiled. "We will wait and see, but we have got two days of cricket here to focus on first. We will get onto the Ashes after that."

Smith also sang from the same hymn sheet when he was asked on the subject. "We are all just looking forward to this week," he said. "As I said before, it's two years in the making, I suppose, of getting to the final of the World Test Championships. So, you know, it's a big week for us and India. So we'll get through this and then we'll focus after that.

Saying that, an away Ashes series win is perhaps right at the very top in the wishlist for cricketers from both nations. More so because of the challenging nature of winning a series away from home these days. Australia, for instance, haven't won in England since the 2001 series. That wasn't lost on Cummins. "After this Test, we kind of start again... doesn't get much bigger than an Ashes away series. There will be a winner after this game and you kind of move on and start afresh.'"The skipper, who hasn't played much cricket coming into the final, was also asked on the lengths he may want to bowl and the potential of playing all five Ashes Tests a day before the WTC final. "I think the way it's set up (the schedule of the five Tests) is pretty good," he said. "You play two Tests, week off, two Tests, week off. So, yeah (plan to play all five Tests)." Having already won both white-ball World Cups, several members of this group will love to get their hands on the mace. But irrespective of whether they do it or not on Sunday, focus, as they have said, will move to the first Ashes Test at Edgbaston beginning June 16.

Iga Swiatek holds the trophy after winning the women's singles final | AP

Swiatek crowned champion in Paris

AGENCIES @ Paris

IGA Swiatek built a big lead in the French Open final, then overcame a second-set crisis of confidence and a third-set deficit before righting herself and defeating Karolina Muchova 6-2, 5-7, 6-4 on Saturday to collect her third championship at Roland Garros and fourth Grand Slam title.

The No. 1-ranked Swiatek raced to a 3-0 lead after just 10 minutes in Court Philippe Chatrier — taking 12 of the initial 15 points — and then was ahead 3-0 in the second set, too, before Muchova made things more intriguing.

With Swiatek looking out of sorts and seeking advice from her coach between points, Muchova grabbed five of six games on the way to pulling even at a set apiece. Muchova carried that momentum into the deciding set, going ahead 2-0.

That's when Swiatek returned to her usual brand of crisp, clean tennis, scurrying around the red clay with sublime defense and taking advantage of Muchova's repeated mistakes. Still, Swiatek again found herself behind by a break at 4-3 in the third set before grabbing the last three games.

PATH TO TITLE

1st rd: bt Cristina Bucsa (ESP) 6-4, 6-0

2nd rd: bt Claire Liu (USA) 6-4, 6-0

3rd rd: bt Wang Xinyu (CHN) 6-0, 6-0

4th rd: bt Lesia Tsurenko (UKR) 5-1 - retired

QF: bt Coco Gauff (USA x6) 6-4, 6-2

SF: bt Beatriz Haddad Maia (BRA x14) 6-2, 7-6 (7)

Final: bt Karolina Muchova (CZE) 6-2, 5-7, 6-4

SUPER SUNDAY: The Grand finale

Novak Djokovic faces Casper Ruud in his seventh final at Roland Garros. A look...

MILESTONES AWAIT

The 36-year-old Serb can set numerous landmarks in what will be his seventh championship match at Roland Garros. As well as breaking the 22-Slam tie he shares with Rafael Nadal, he can become both the tournament's oldest champion and the only man to win all four majors on at least three occasions. Playing his 34th major final, he can also return to the World No 1 ranking with victory over Ruud, who swept past (6-3, 6-4, 6-0) Alexander Zverev late on Friday.

NOLE VS THE WORLD

There is always an element of 'me against the rest of the world' when the Serb plays. As Djokovic cruised to victory in Friday's semifinal, winning 10 of the last 11 games against as ailing Carlos Alcaraz, he was booed for fist-pumping as victory closed in. However, he is so used to being the pantomime villain of the sport, that it's become an inspiration. "I don't mind. It's not the first; probably not the last. I'll just keep winning," he warned.

UP AGAINST ANOTHER CLAY MASTER

Despite Ruud's desperately poor record against Djokovic, he can point to his prowess on clay. Since 2020, he has the most wins on the surface with 87, most finals with 12 and nine titles. On Sunday, the World No 4 will attempt to make sure that all the pressure sits squarely on the shoulders of Djokovic.

CAN RUUD CROSS FINAL HURDLE?

Ruud, runner-up to Rafael Nadal in the 2022 final before also losing the championship match at the US Open to Alcaraz, has never defeated Djokovic in four meetings and has yet to win a set. If that wasn't intimidating enough, just the presence of Djokovic on the other side of the net presents another challenge.

HEAD-TO-HEAD: The fourth-ranked Ruud has never won a set against Djokovic in four meetings, although this will be their first match-up at a major.

It's going to be tough. Last year was against Rafa, this year against Novak so what do you say? Hopefully third time will be the charm for me — Casper Ruud

The only thing I can say is that I'm very focussed. History is always something that's hovering over me — Novak Djokovic

Live on Sony Sports Network @ 6.30 PM

Kipyegon & Girma star in night of WRs

AGENCIES @ Paris

KENYAN Faith Kipyegon made it two world records in a week after delivering a masterclass in the women's 5,000m at the Paris Diamond League meeting on Friday while Ethiopia's Lamecha Girma smashed the 19-year-old record in the men's 3,000m steeplechase.

Kipyegon headlined a stellar night of track and field at the Stade Charlety that also saw Norway's Jakob Ingebrigtsen set a new world record in the rarely-run 2 miles event.

Kipyegon showed her trademark kick to the line in the 5,000m to win in 14min 05.20sec, slicing a full second and a half off the previous best of 14:06.62 set by Ethiopia's Letesenbet Gidey, the world 10,000m champion.

Ethiopia's Lamecha Girma competes in the men's 3000m steeplechase event during the IAAF Diamond League "Meeting de Paris" in Paris | AFP

There were further outstanding performances from Keely Hodgkinson, the world and Olympic silver medallist from Britain who set the 10th fastest time ever in dominating the women's 800m in 1min 55.77sec, while American Grant Holloway showed promising early-season form in winning the 110m hurdles in 12.98sec.

It was, however, Kipyegon who stole the show just seven days after shattering the women's world record in the 1500m in Florence. "No, I did not think about the world record, I do not know how I made it," said Kipyegon, who burst into tears after crossing the line.

"I just focussed on the green light and tried to stay relaxed and enjoy the race."

Not to be outdone, Girma, twice a silver medallist at the world championships and once at the Olympics, clocked 7:52.11, shattering the previous best of 7:53.63 set by Kenyan-born Qatari Saif Saaeed Shaheen in Brussels in 2004.

EXPRESS READ

Neeraj pulls out of Paavo Nurmi Games

NEW DELHI: Recovering from a muscle strain he had sustained last month, star Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra has pulled out of the prestigious Paavo Nurmi Games to be held on June 13 at Turku in Finland. The event organisers revealed that the Olympic champion Indian has informed them about the "cancellation" of his participation in the World Athletics Continental Tour gold level event due to "health" issues.

Chennaiyin FC part ways with head coach

CHENNAI: Chennaiyin FC's head coach Thomas Brdaric has parted ways with the Indian Super League team following the conclusion of the 2022-2023 season, the club announced on Saturday. The club will make a decision on their next head coach shortly, the release said. Brdaric was at the helm of the first team for 28 games, winning 10, drawing eight and losing 10. Over this period, the team scored 53 goals and conceded 52.

Asia Cup: India finish with 6 silver & 1 bronze

SINGAPORE: Indian archers crumbled under pressure against the mighty Koreans and Chinese to lose all their six summit clashes to conclude their Asia Cup Stage 3 campaign in fifth spot, here on Saturday. India ended up with seven medals — six silver and one bronze. Korea accounted for four gold, one silver and two bronze medals to top the medal standings. China finished second.

Pope Francis, "wisely" following doctors' advice, will skip Sunday's customary public blessing to allow himself to better heal after abdominal surgery earlier this week, his surgeon told reporters

Art exhibition in Johannesburg is questioning the relationship between humans and animals on the continent, which spans centuries and is often marked by the destruction of African wildlife for commercial gain

Story of Juneteenth: its importance & significance

Prez Biden signed a bill to set aside June 19th as a federal holiday

HISTORY

WASHINGTON: Americans will soon celebrate Juneteenth, marking the day when the last enslaved people in the United States learned they were free.

For generations, Black Americans have recognised the end of one of the darkest chapters in US history with joy, in the form of parades, street festivals, musical performances or cookouts. The US government was slow to embrace the occasion—it was only in 2021 that President Joe Biden signed a bill passed by Congress to set aside Juneteenth, or June 19th, as a federal holiday.

People hold a sign in their car during a car parade to mark Juneteenth | AP

How did Juneteenth start?

The celebrations began with enslaved people in Galveston, Texas. Although President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation freed the slaves in 1863, it could not be enforced in many places in the South until the Civil War ended in 1865. Even then, some white people who had profited from their unpaid labour were reluctant to share the news.

Laura Smalley, freed from a plantation near Bellville, Texas, remembered in a 1941 interview that the man she referred to as "old master" came home from fighting in the Civil War and didn't tell the people he enslaved what had happened.

News that the war had ended and they were free finally reached Galveston when Union Maj Gen Gordon Granger and his troops arrived in the Gulf Coast city on June 19, 1865, more than two months after Confederate Gen Robert E. Lee surrendered to Union Gen Ulysses S. Grant in Virginia.

Slavery was permanently abolished six months later, when Georgia ratified the 13th Amendment. And the next year, the now-free people of Galveston started celebrating Juneteenth, an observance that has continued and spread around the world.

What does 'Juneteenth' mean?

It's a blend of the words June and nineteenth. The holiday has also been called Juneteenth Independence Day, Freedom Day, second Independence Day and Emancipation Day.

It began with church picnics and speeches, and spread as Black Texans moved elsewhere. Most US states now hold celebrations honouring Juneteenth as a holiday or a day of recognition, like Flag Day.

Juneteenth is a paid holiday for state employees in Texas, New York, Virginia, Washington, and now Nevada as well. Hundreds of companies give workers the day off.

How have celebration evolved over the years?

The national reckoning over race ignited by murder of George Floyd helped set the stage for Juneteenth to become the first new federal holiday since 1983, when Martin Luther King Jr. Day was created.

EXFILE • MATHS

UK hobbyist stuns maths world with 'amazing' new shapes

David Smith, a retired print technician from the north of England, was pursuing his hobby of looking for interesting shapes when he stumbled onto one unlike any other in November

What is aperiodic tiling?

Tiling that does not have repeating patterns is known as aperiodic tiling and is generally achieved by using multiple tile shapes

REVEALING HIS FINDING

When Smith shared his shape with the world in March, excited fans printed it onto T-shirts, sewed it into quilts, crafted cookie cutters or used it to replace the hexagons on a soccer ball—some even made plans for tattoos

THE SPECTRE

In a preprint study published online late last month, Smith and the three mathematicians who helped him confirm the discovery revealed a new shape—"the spectre"

It requires no mirror image, making it an even purer einstein

13-SIDED POLYGON

The 13-sided polygon, which 64-year-old Smith called ***"the hat"***, is the first single shape ever found that can completely cover an infinitely large flat surface without ever repeating the same pattern

FIRST "EINSTEIN"

That makes it the first "einstein"—named after the German for "one stone" (ein stein), not the physicist—and solves a problem posed 60 years ago that some mathematicians had thought impossible

Hat & spectre shapes solve 60-year math problem

The hat – The Turtle

The First ever shapes that can fill an infinite Plane without repeating patterns, making tem "einsteines" or aperiodic monotiles

Tile (1,1)

The team then discovered this shape, which can make infinite patterns without using reflections-but it could technically repeat patterns

Spectre

By modifying the edges of Tile (1,1), this family of shapes can never repeat patterns or use a mirror shape, making it the purest "einstein"

ONE IN SEVEN TIMES

While all agreed "the hat" was the first einstein, its mirror image was required one in seven times to ensure that a pattern never repeated

APERIODIC MONOTILE

If you slotted a bunch of these cardboard shapes together on a table, you could keep building outwards without them ever settling into a regular pattern

Using computer programmes, Craig Kaplan, a computer scientist at Canada's Waterloo University, said and two other mathematicians showed that the shape continued to do this across an infinite plane, making it the first einstein, or "aperiodic monotile"

CREATING THE SPECTRE

- Something still bugged them—while this tile could go on forever without repeating a pattern, this required an "artificial prohibition" against using a flipped shape, he said.
- So they added little notches or curves to the edges, ensuring that only the non-flipped version could be used, creating "the spectre".

New bill aims to seal criminal records in NY

LAW

ALBANY: New Yorkers who commit crimes could have their records automatically sealed if they stay out of trouble for a certain number of years after they have finished serving their sentences under a bill passed by state lawmakers ON Friday.

The "clean slate" legislation would automatically seal most recent convictions—three years after serving time or parole for a misdemeanour and eight years for felony convictions. Sex crimes and most Class A felonies, such as murder, will not be eligible for sealing.

The state Assembly debated the bill for almost five hours before passing it on a party-line vote, garnering applause and cheers. The state Senate followed with its own approval late Friday.

Some liberal lawmakers and unions who support the bill say it would give New Yorkers a path forward that is not encumbered by past mistakes. They say a criminal record often means difficulty obtaining secure work and housing.

Alzheimer's drug gets FDA panel's backing

HEALTH

WASHINGTON: Health advisers on Friday unanimously backed the full approval of a closely watched Alzheimer's drug, a key step toward opening insurance coverage to US seniors with early stages of the brain-robbing disease.

The drug, Leqembi, received conditional approval from the Food and Drug Administration in January based on early results suggesting it could slow Alzheimer's progression by several months.

The FDA now is reviewing more definitive results to decide whether the drug should receive the agency's full endorsement.

The decision carries extra significance because insurers have held off on paying for the infused treatment until it has full FDA approval.

The FDA panel of outside advisers voted 6-0 that a large company study confirmed the drug's benefits for patients with mild or early Alzheimer's. The nonbinding vote amounts to a recommendation for full approval, and the FDA is scheduled to issue a final decision on the matter by July 6.

The FDA's initial OK for Leqembi came via the agency's accelerated approval programme, which allows early access to drugs based on laboratory or biological measures suggesting that they might help patients.

The drug, marketed by Eisai and Biogen, helped clear a brain plaque that is a hallmark of Alzheimer's. The FDA panel reviewed more recent data from an 1,800-patient study in which people taking the drug showed a modestly slower rate of decline on measures of memory, judgment and other cognitive tests.

"For an illness like this where we don't have very much, these are meaningful changes for patients with Alzheimer's," said Dr. Merit Cudkowicz of Harvard Medical School. "A couple more months in the highly functional state is really meaningful."

SLIDING INTO WEEKEND

A participant moves down a water slide during the Saltibarsciai Slip and Slide competition during the Pink Soup Fest in Vilnius. | AFP

FACT OF THE MATTER

UK troops can't take the heat

CLIMATE

Several British soldiers were overcome by the heat on Saturday as they turned out in woolen tunics and bearskin hats to salute Prince William. At least three guardsmen fainted during the military parade known as the Colonel's Review, in which more than 1,400 soldiers of the Household Division and the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery were reviewed by the heir to the throne, who is honorary Colonel of the Welsh Guards. The temperature in London on Saturday was due to hit 30. Afterwards William tweeted: "A big thank you to every solider who took part in the Colonel's Review this morning in the heat. Difficult conditions but you all did a really good job."

PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that **M/S Saritha Developers** is willing to sell the schedule property in favour of my Client **Mr. Sundar Manoharan** free from all encumbrances. Any person having any right, title, interest, claim or demand of any nature whatsoever in respect of the said property, is hereby required to make the same known in writing along with the documentary proof thereof, to the below mentioned his Counsel Mr. RADESH.K, Office at Third Floor, Above Favara Car World, SMN Complex, Whitefield Main Road, Thubarahalli, Bangalore. within 07 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which the negotiations shall be completed, without any reference to such claims and the claims if any, shall be deemed to have been given up or waived.

SCHEDULE:

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Apartment bearing **Flat No: 334,** Third Floor, **Wing-B,** measuring **1000 Square Feet** of super built up area and **405 Square Feet** of undivided share in the Project known as **"SARITHA SERENE",** Constructed on the Property bearing Survey No: 43/1 measuring 1 Acre 26 Guntas and Survey No. 43/2 measuring 2 Acres, Situated at Gunjur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk.

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All that piece and parcel of the Residential **3BHK** Apartment bearing **Flat No: A-407** on **Fourth Floor** of **A-Block,** measuring carpet area 106.2 Square Meters, outer wall area 10.2 Square Meters, balcony are 9.9 Square Meters, common area 35.4 Square Meters, super built up area **1740 Square Feet** and **44.97 Square Meters** or **628.69 Square Feet** of undivided share in the Project known as **"ROYAL VIEW",** Constructed on the Property bearing Survey No: 186 measuring 3 Acres, Situated at Kannamangala Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk.

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This is to notify the General Public that Mrs. Kamalakshi W/o. Sri. Chandrashekar, residing at No. 10, Raja Reddy Layout, Edgah Street, Varthur Village and Post, Bangalore, is the sole and absolute owner in possession of the below mentioned Schedule property, having acquired the same through registered Sale Deed dated 05.08.2013 executed by one Sri. Muniyappa Y. It is further notified that all the original documents of title of the said property namely i) Settlement Deed dated 03.08.2013 - Regd as Doc No. VRT-1-02743-2013-14 of Book I Stored in CD No. VRTD193 and ii) Sale Deed dated 05.08.2013 Regd as Doc No. VRT-1-02772-2013-14 of Book I Stored in CD No. VRTD194 so also the Xerox copies of I) Sale Deed dated 18.10.2012 Regd as Doc No. VRT-1-03749-2012-13 of Book I Stored in CD No. VRTD165 and ii) Sale Deed dated 10.07.2013 Regd as Doc No. VRT-1-01856-2013-14 of Book I Stored in CD No. VRTD190 together with other related documents pertaining to the Schedule property, has been lost / misplaced and despite best efforts, the same could not be traced.

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SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Immoveable property bearing No. 10, being portion of BBMP Katha No. 1448 / Sy No. 24/3B situated at Varthur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently at Raja Reddy Layout, Edgah Road, Varthur, Bangalore. coming within BBMP Ward No. 149, measuring E-W 40 feet and N-S 30 feet comprising of a building having Ground, First and Second Floor and the said property is bounded on East : 30 feet Road ; West : Site No. 171; North : Site No.11; South : Site No. 9;

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POSSESSION NOTICE

(FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY) APPENDIX IV under Act- Rule 8(1)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of **Bank of Baroda, Koramangala Branch**, Bangalore under the securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sec.13(2)read with Rule-3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued Demand Notices calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned against their names with further interest/cost etc within 60 days from the date of the receipt of the said notice.

The below mentioned borrowers/guarantors/Mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantors/Mortgagors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said rules on below mentioned dates

The borrowers/guarantors/Mortgagors and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the **Bank of Baroda, Koramangala Branch**, Bangalore for amounts mentioned below with further interest accrued thereon and cost.

1) Name of the Borrower /Co-borrowers : 1) Smt Kamala, W/o Sri Krishna Reddy, No 43, Banaswadi Main Road, Erappa Reddy Layout, Subbayyana Palya, Bangalore – 560043 **(Borrower), 2) Sri Nagaraj Reddy,** S/o Sri Krishna Reddy, No 43, Banaswadi Main Road, Erappa Reddy Layout, Subbayyana Palya, Bangalore – 560043, **3) Ms Bhagya K,** D/o Sri Krishna Reddy, No 43, Banaswadi Main Road, Erappa Reddy Layout, Subbayyana Palya, Bangalore – 560043, **4) Ms Arathy K,** D/o Sri Krishna Reddy, No 43, Banaswadi Main Road, Erappa Reddy Layout, Subbayyana Palya, Bangalore – 560043 **(Co-Borrowers)**
Demand Notice date:23.11.2022 **Possession Taken date : 06.06.2023**
Outstanding Loan amount: Rs 5,06,963.98 (Rupees Five lakhs Six Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Three Paise Ninety Eight only) plus interest thereon along with cost.
DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of Site No 43, Sy No 213, property bearing New Municipal No 16, PID No 88-97-16, measuring East To West 45 Feet or 3.71 Meters, North to South (38.6+35.6)/2 Feet or 1.2776 Meters Totally measuring 54.689 Square Meters situated at Chikkabanaswadi, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on, East by: Site No 65, West by: 25 Feet Road, North by: 30 Feet Road, South by: Site No 44.

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Demand Notice date:23.11.2022 **Possession Taken date : 06.06.2023**
Outstanding Loan amount: Rs 59,34,420.63 (Rupees Fifty Nine Lakhs Thirty Four Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Paise Sixty Three only) plus interest thereon along with cost.
DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of Site No 43, Sy No 213, property bearing New Municipal No 16, PID No 88-97-16, measuring East To West 45 Feet or 3.71 Meters, North to South (38.6+35.6)/2 Feet or 1.2776 Meters Totally measuring 54.689 Square Meters situated at Chikkabanaswadi, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on, East by: Site No 65, West by: 25 Feet Road, North by: 30 Feet Road, South by: Site No 44.

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Date: 06.06.2023

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Whereas the Authorized Officer of the Bank has issued a Demand notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 and thereafter in exercise of powers under Section 13(12) of SARFAESI ACT 2002 has taken symbolic possession of properties mortgaged of Bank under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT 2002. The undersigned in the capacity of Authorized Officer has decided for sale of the following properties to public by E-Auction and invite bids from the intending purchasers for purchase of immovable properties mentioned hereunder on **"AS IS WHERE IS" & "AS IS WHAT IS" basis.**

Sr. No.	Name & Address of Borrower's/ Guarantor & Branch	a) Date of Demand Notice b) Amount due as per notice c) Date of Possession d) Present outstanding dues.	a) Date & Time for Inspection of Property b) Last Date & Times of submission of EMD & documents c) Date & Times of E-Auction	a) Reserve Price b) EMD Amount c) Bid Increase Amount
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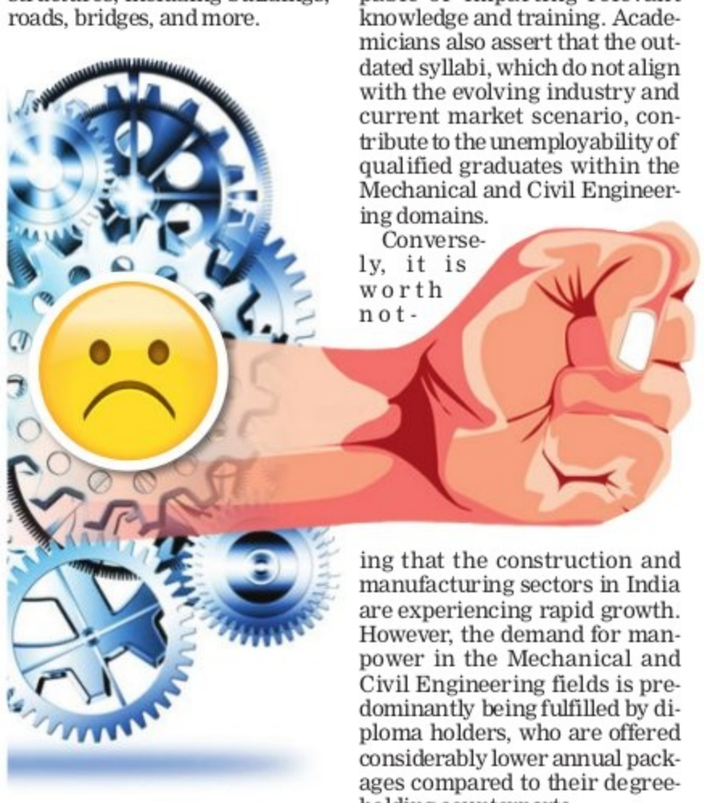
SOFT OVER TOUGH?

Once regarded as the "timeless discipline", Mechanical Engineering has now assumed a less prominent role, with its popularity gradually dwindling. Similarly, the domain of Civil Engineering, once heralded as the gateway to coveted Government positions, has also witnessed a decline in its allure, with a diminished number of aspirants. What are the principal factors accountable for this shift in dynamics?

THE discipline of Mechanical Engineering encompasses the intricate realm of structure design, system analysis, and the advancement of mechanical devices and machinery, employing fundamental principles from fields such as thermodynamics, physics, and material science. Conversely, Civil Engineering, a branch of Engineering Science, focuses on the strategic planning, meticulous design, and construction of diverse infrastructures, including buildings, roads, bridges, and more.



Significant factors contributing to the diminishing trend of demand for Mechanical and Civil Engineering courses in India over the past decade have raised concerns among numerous academicians in the country.

A significant number of graduates with an Engineering degree in Mechanical and Civil Engineering are encountering difficulties in securing suitable placements upon completing their studies. Furthermore, even when employment is obtained, the salary packages offered to these graduates fail to align with their qualifications. This predicament arises from a notable deficiency in technical and engineering skills among the majority of Mechanical and Civil Engineers, attributed to the deteriorated quality of education, characterised by inadequate or obsolete laboratories and a dearth of experienced faculty members capable of imparting relevant knowledge and training. Academicians also assert that the outdated syllabi, which do not align with the evolving industry and current market scenario, contribute to the unemployability of qualified graduates within the Mechanical and Civil Engineering domains.

Conversely, it is worth noting that the construction and manufacturing sectors in India are experiencing rapid growth. However, the demand for manpower in the Mechanical and Civil Engineering fields is predominantly being fulfilled by diploma holders, who are offered considerably lower annual packages compared to their degree-holding counterparts.

An additional significant factor contributing to the diminished appeal of Mechanical and Civil Engineering streams is the prevailing enthusiasm for computer-oriented undergraduate programs and management courses. The job market exhibits a substantial demand for candidates with expertise in computer science and management, prompting a majority of students to opt for these programs. Even individuals who graduate with degrees in Mechanical and Civil Engineering are increasingly pursuing MBA degrees with the intention of securing white-collar positions, rather than venturing into the field and workshop environments associated with their respective disciplines.

The Mechanical Engineering sector in India is undergoing a rapid transformation due to the swift digitization taking place. Technologies such as Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (AIML) and Big Data are empowering engineers to innovate and create novel equipment and machinery. Additionally, the advent of Internet of Things (IoT) has introduced intelligent devices that enable Mechanical Engineers to remotely identify common issues, implement potential solutions, and make improvements. Notably, research forecasts indicate that the number of online IoT devices is projected to reach 75 billion by 2025, signaling a promising surge in opportunities for Mechanical Engineers in the forthcoming years.

Popular Opportunities in Computer Science

Machine Learning Engineer

In the realm of the digital realm's dominion, acquiring machine learning (ML) and artificial intelligence (AI) prowess reigns supreme for computer science engineers. The art of fashioning programs and algorithms for self-reliant contrivances like robots, virtual assistants, and driverless vehicles rests as the paramount duties of a machine learning engineer. Such adeptness allows machines to navigate independent actions, emancipated from the fetters of constant guidance. In consequence, this engenders a reduction in human intervention, while simultaneously conserving time and energy. Given the towering heights attained by technological advancements in our contemporary milieu, this stands tall as one of the most crucial competencies one must diligently procure to flourish successfully within the tech-market.

Data Analyst

Within this job profile, a notable advantage arises from the ubiquitous demand for data analysts across diverse fields and industries. In every realm, be it commerce, academia, or manufacturing, an intricate system of data encompasses finance reports, profit sheets, and myriad other information repositories. Consequently, the pivotal duty of a data analyst involves the meticulous aggregation, condensation, and formulation of these reports.

Data Scientist

The job description of a data scientist manifests as the sacred art of collecting and unraveling the enigmatic fabric of data! The indispensable skill set comprises the mastery of statistics, the virtuosity of computer science, and a vast reservoir of experience in harnessing the power of advanced technological features for data analysis. Remarkably, the realms of data analysis and data scientist roles intertwine harmoniously, entwined in an inseparable union. Indeed, the sagacious labor of a data scientist encompasses the automated orchestration of data analysis through the deft deployment of programs and algorithms. In a parallel fashion to the multifarious industries, this domain traverses, the demand for data scientists endures, destined to thrive in perpetuity.

Cloud Computing

It becomes abundantly clear that online enterprises flourish concomitantly with the progression of software models and the prevalence of cloud-based applications. A business that hinges upon the bedrock of cloud computing and contemporary tools exhibits a remarkable proclivity for exponential growth, surpassing those that remain tethered to archaic methodologies. Cloud computing, an innovation of the recent past, signifies that numerous nascent companies are presently endeavoring to metamorphose their software models to embrace contemporary forms. In this trajectory, a profusion of fresh career opportunities is anticipated to burgeon, augmenting the ever-present ones, spanning the forthcoming decade and beyond.

Information Security Analyst

In tandem with the progressive strides witnessed in the tech-market, the imperative of security also takes center stage. Behind the scenes, the engineers diligently toiling on the back-end necessitate the steadfast presence of a front-end security team, entrusted with the solemn duty of safeguarding the integrity of the data, programs, and algorithms conceived. Their mandate extends beyond fending off malicious hackers, for it encompasses shielding their intricate programming from prying competitors within the

market. The core competencies required for this vocation encompass the seamless installation, continual upgrading, and rigorous testing of a company's security systems. As long as enterprises persist in their multifarious undertakings and multifaceted profiles, the unyielding demand for security analysts shall endure.

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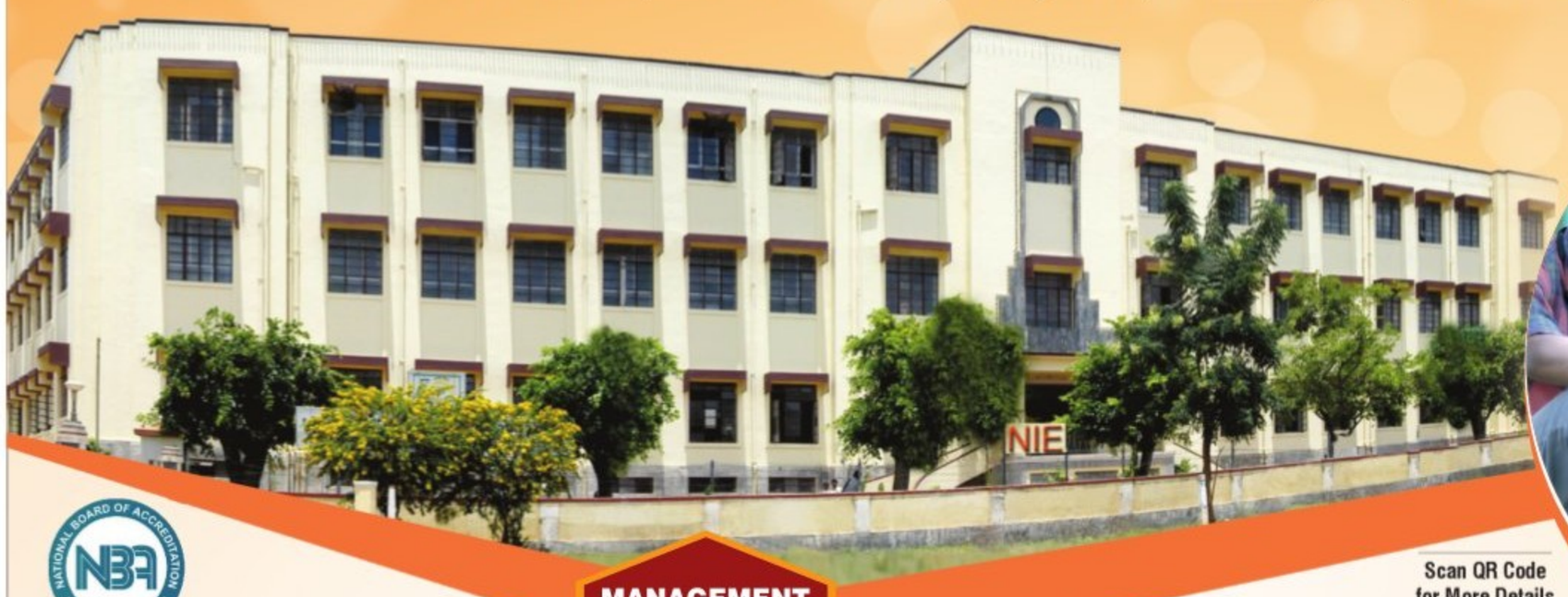

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AFFILIATED with VTU, Belagavi, and holding autonomous status since 2020-21, VVCE has received the coveted approval of AICTE, New Delhi, and the recognition of the Government of Karnataka. The institute's commitment to excellence is evident through its accreditation with NAAC 'A' Grade and NBA, New Delhi, as well as its commendable ranking in the prestigious NIRF (rank band: 251-300).

Situated in the western region of Mysuru, encompassing an expansive and elevated campus spanning 23 acres, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE) provides a nurturing environment for academic pursuits. The undergraduate programs at VVCE attract a yearly intake of 900 students across seven disciplines. These include Electronics & Communication Engineering, Computer Science & Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Information Science & Engineering, Electrical & Electronics Engineering, Civil Engineering, and Computer Science & Engineering (AI & ML).

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VVCE boasts exceptional infrastructure and a faculty of highly qualified, experienced, and dedicated members who possess an unwavering passion for their profession. The institution is committed to providing top-notch education within a highly conducive teaching and learning environment. This commitment to excellence has garnered VVCE prestigious accolades, including "The Institute of Happiness" award and a silver rating from QS - I Gauge.

Equipped with LCD projectors and CCTV surveillance, each classroom at VVCE is well-appointed. To enhance faculty development and facilitate better comprehension among students, lecture capture provisions are available in all classrooms, enabling the sharing of lecture videos. This technology fosters continual improvement in teaching methods. Furthermore, VVCE houses an incubation facility that supports aspiring engineering and management entrepreneurs in nurturing their ventures. Moreover, an industry-academia advisory board plays a crucial role in guiding each program's trajectory in the most advantageous direction.

VVCE takes pride in its 35-plus student-led clubs, which play a pivotal role in fostering the holistic development of every student. These clubs provide a platform for diverse activities that contribute to the overall personality growth of the students. The training and placement department at VVCE diligently prepares students to excel in the industry, ensuring they are well-equipped for professional roles. As a testament to their efforts, the number of student placements in renowned companies has consistently increased year after year. Approximately 90% of students have successfully secured placements, with the highest placement package reaching an impressive INR 33 lakhs.

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PLACEMENTS

GROOMING INDUSTRY READY PROFESSIONALS

The institution takes great pride in its dedicated and comprehensive Training and Placement Cell, led by a qualified team. Since the academic year 2021-22, NIE has had the privilege of hosting visits from more than **450 companies**, including over **260 IT companies** and **150 core companies**, on an annual basis. In the last five years, a remarkable total of 3126 students have been successfully placed through campus recruitment. Each domain has witnessed the participation of prestigious core companies specific to their respective fields. For Mechanical and Industrial & Production, companies such as Applied Materials, **SABRE**, **ABB LTD.**, **Mercedes Benz**, and **LARSEN & TOUBRO LTD.** have shown great interest. Electrical & Electronics and Electronics & Communication have seen companies like **BROADCOM & NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS** engaging with students, while Computer Science has attracted prominent names like **TCS** and **WIPRO**. Additionally, numerous dream companies, including CISCO, **VMWARE**, **INTUIT**, **IBM**, **AMAZON**, **TWILIO**, **GOOGLE**, **SAP LABS**, and **MICROSOFT**, have graced the campus with their presence. The placement cell meticulously plans training activities related to placement and overall personality development on an annual basis, ensuring that students are well-prepared for their professional journey.

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Established in 1946 by esteemed educationists T. Rama Rao, D. V. Narasimha Rao, and S. Ramaswamy, the National Institute of Engineering (NIE) fosters an environment that promotes exploration and overcoming challenges for its students, faculty, and staff. As an accredited institution by NBA and NAAC, NIE has gained recognition as a leading platform for aspiring engineers to advance their careers.

Presently, NIE holds the 196th position among the top engineering colleges in India according to the National Institution Ranking Framework (NIRF-2021) announced by the Ministry of Human Resources Development (MHRD). This ranking includes prestigious institutions such as IITs and NITs. Moreover, the institute has also secured the 13th place among India's top Engineering Colleges, as per a survey conducted by a prominent publication in July 2021. NIE is managed by a Registered Society, with nine out of ten current directors being distinguished alumni of the institute.

A Well-Recognised Institution

NIE consistently strives to become a globally recognised institution that provides value-based technical and scientific education through its exceptional talent. It is a grant-in-aid institution and is approved by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) in New Delhi. In 2007, the institution received autonomous status from Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi. Four undergraduate programmes—Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electronics & Communication Engineering, and Industrial & Production Engineering—and one postgraduate programme—Structural Engineering—have been accredited by the National Board of Accreditation (NBA) in New Delhi under Tier-I.

NIE is one of the 14 colleges in Karnataka to be recognised under the MHRD-World Bank sponsored Technical Education Quality Improvement Programme (TEQIP) in all three phases. All departments of NIE are recognised as research centers under VTU and AICTE for QIP. Currently, NIE offers seven undergraduate programs and twelve postgraduate programmes.

Nurturing The Technologists Of Tomorrow

NIE prides itself on providing a stimulating academic environment with a wide range of undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral programs. The North Campus is set to offer courses in Computer Science, Information Science, and AI/ML starting from the academic year 2022-2023. Similarly, the South Campus will introduce courses in Mechanical, Electrical and Electronics, Electronics and Communications, and Civil Engineering from the same academic year. The institution follows an Outcome-Based Education (OBE) approach, ensuring equal opportunities for teaching, learning, curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular activities.

In order to enhance research and consultancy activities, NIE has established 14 Centers of Excellence in collaboration with industries and alumni. These centers provide students with opportunities to hone their skills according to industry expectations and offer consultancy services. NIE is currently engaged in numerous funded research projects by the Central and State Governments, VTU, and overseas universities. Additionally, the institution has recently been granted three patents.

A Hotbed For Innovation

At NIE, entrepreneurship and ideation camps are regularly organised. A Makerspace has been established, equipped with electronics development tools and supported by the Automation Lab, to facilitate the development of prototypes. Selected innovations receive funding from KBITS and CRD to develop Proof of Concepts (POCs).

Over the years, more than 38 innovative ideas have been transformed into Proof of Concepts (POCs), with each receiving funding of Rs. 3 lakhs from KBITS/KITS. In 2017, an incubation facility was created under KBITS, covering an area of 2800 square feet, to support innovation. A full-fledged Incubation Centre was established in 2018, covering approximately 4000 square feet, to provide support to startups. In 2019, a Startup Cell was also established to assist new ventures.

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Prompt Engineering

DATA SCIENTIST'S SUCCESSOR IN THE AI ERA

The role of a Prompt Engineer involves daily interactions with chat bots like OpenAI Chat GPT, Google Bard, or Anthropic Claude. Through experimentation and iterative processes, they strive to understand how to extract the best outcomes from these chat bots. Their findings are documented, leading to the creation of a library of best practices that can be shared within organisations.

Prompt Engineers are expected to possess deep expertise in interacting with AI systems. They may develop training materials and lead courses to disseminate best practices throughout their organisations. Collaboration with Machine Learning specialists is common, as Machine Learning models require extensive training on large datasets and fine-tuning to ensure accurate and appropriate responses from chat bots. Prompt Engineers provide feedback and contribute to the refinement of these models.

How much do Prompt Engineers Make?

In terms of compensation, Prompt Engineering falls under the umbrella of Applied Machine Learning (Applied ML). Salaries in this field can range from $120,000 to $250,000 per year, depending on factors such as industry, experience, and educational qualifications. However, it is important to note that the number of job opportunities specifically titled "Prompt Engineer" is currently limited, with only a few positions listed on job platforms. As the field expands, specialised roles related to working directly with AI Chat Bots and AI Assistants are likely to emerge.

Is Prompt Engineering a Real Job?

Prompt Engineering is a genuine profession and is expected to grow in significance over time, similar to the evolution of the Data Scientist career path. It draws upon a range of interdisciplinary skills, including statistics, Python programming, and machine learning. While the future trajectory of Prompt Engineering is uncertain, its potential for growth seems promising as the demand for AI-related expertise continues to increase.

Prompt Engineering is an emerging field where professionals work with AI Chat Bots, such as Chat GPT, to optimise results based on prompts. As new technologies like Chat GPT and AI-powered Language Models gain prominence, related career fields are also on the rise, indicating potential opportunities in the future.

How Does Prompt Engineering Work?

The work of Prompt Engineers revolves around understanding the nuances of AI models. They recognise that the way a question is asked is as important as the question itself, leveraging their knowledge of Machine Learning and Generative Pre-Trained Transformers to obtain optimal answers.

What is the Future of Prompt Engineering?

Looking ahead, the number of careers related to Prompt Engineering and interacting with AI is expected to rise. This field will likely become cross-functional, requiring knowledge of modern Machine Learning models, programming, and a broader understanding of specific domains or applications. In the coming years, an industry focused on interacting with AI Chat Bots is anticipated, encompassing training courses, certifications, college degrees, and intensive boot camps.

In conclusion, while it is too early to predict the exact future of Prompt Engineering, it is unlikely to diminish in significance. As individuals and businesses increasingly rely on AI technologies, the need to maximise AI performance will persist. The intricacies of crafting prompts for AI models like Chat GPT will continue to drive the demand for specialised professionals. As AI advances and unlocks new capabilities, the potential for lucrative applications will further elevate the demand and value of a Prompt Engineer's skillset. Exciting career paths are expected to emerge alongside the proliferation of AI and Chat GPT, shaping the future landscape of this field.

MRIT: Nurturing Engineers with EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Mysuru Royal Institute of Technology, Srirangapatna, commonly known as MRIT, stands as a prominent engineering college within the state of Karnataka. Established in 2013, the institute holds affiliation with Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belgaum, and approval from the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). Recognized for its exemplary pedagogical approach and remarkable placement track record, MRIT has earned a distinguished reputation in the field.

MRIT boasts a team of experienced and highly qualified faculty members, each serving as an expert in their respective domains. The institute offers undergraduate courses in Computer Science & Engineering, Electronics & Communication Engineering, Information Science & Engineering, Civil Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering. These programs are meticulously designed to align with the present-day industry demands, effectively equipping students with the requisite skills and knowledge necessary for their success as engineers.

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The teaching methodology employed by MRIT harmoniously blends theoretical concepts with practical applications. Students are afforded access to well-equipped laboratories, thereby enabling them to acquire hands-on experience within their chosen fields of study. Furthermore, the faculty members regularly assign projects, conduct seminars, and facilitate a range of activities that allow students to apply their knowledge in real-life scenarios. To foster a comprehensive understanding of industry practices and the latest technological advancements, the institute also organises guest lectures, workshops, and industrial visits.

PLACEMENTS

Placements at MRIT have consistently demonstrated excellence, with a significant number of students securing positions in reputable companies each year. The institution's Placement and Training Cell assumes responsibility for nurturing students' soft skills, communication prowess, and other essential attributes demanded by the corporate world. Through mock interviews and group discussions, the placement cell further refines students' abilities. Noteworthy organisations such as TCS, Infosys, Wipro, IBM, HP, and Accenture have consistently exhibited interest in recruiting from MRIT.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

MRIT actively promotes co-curricular activities to foster holistic development. Cultural, technical, and sports clubs operate within the institute, organising diverse events and activities throughout the academic year. MRIT's annual fest, "aMRITayana," attracts wide-ranging participation.

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MUSE: Shaping Visionary Leaders for a TECHNOLOGICAL FUTURE

Mysore University has a rich legacy of academic excellence, with a proud tradition of producing leaders and professionals who have excelled in their respective fields. Our School of Engineering boasts of world-class infrastructure, experienced faculty, excellent industry-academia collaboration and state-of-the-art research facilities. The school is committed to quality education that combines academic rigor with practical skills. It is our endeavour to equip students with the knowledge and skills required to meet the challenges of the dynamic world of technology.

- Prof.Lokanath N.K,
Vice Chancellor, UoM

The Mysore University School of Engineering (MUSE) is constantly focusing on transformation of young human brains into socially responsible professionals for sustainable development. Continuous efforts have been applied by our young and dynamic professors to ensure outcome-based education (OBE). MUSE implemented NEP 2020 Scheme and developed syllabus as per the requirement of industries and companies. It is our belief that every student has an unending pool of talent that needs to be fostered with proper care and guidance, help the students to develop right attitude that enable each individual to excel in future.

- Dr T Ananthapadmanabha ,
Director, MUSE

The visionary leaders of UoM realised the importance of modern science, technology and higher education of global standards to meet the global challenges resulted in the inception of Mysore University School of Engineering (MUSE) in the year 2021-22, which is located at Manasagangotri Campus, Mysuru is Affiliated to the University of Mysore, Approved by AICTE, New Delhi.

The primary focus of the institution is to expose young minds to the world of technology. The college inculcates the development of all facets of the students mind succeed in your chosen industry upon graduation. The departments have dedicated teams who work hard to provide high-quality and student-focused teaching.

The college offers Five B.E courses namely, Artificial Intelligence and Data Science, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, culminating in an intellectual and balanced personality. The institute has outstanding environment for innovative, flexible and internationalized learning. The Institution has dedicated and caring faculty members strives to widen the student's horizon of learning thereby achieving excellent results for every student. The different courses of engineering which offer students a solid grounding in the foundations of the discipline. They teach them how to build, program, and validate real systems.

The Thrust Engineering courses are challenging and up-to-date with modern practices and techniques that will enable you to institutions in India. The School of Engineering upholds this legacy by offering rigorous and high-quality courses that provide students with a strong foundation in their chosen field of study.

Secondly, the faculty at Mysore University School of Engineering comprises experienced professors and industry experts who are dedicated to imparting knowledge and fostering a culture of innovation.

Additionally, the curriculum at Mysore University School of Engineering is designed to be industry-oriented, incorporating the latest advancements and industry trends. This ensures that students are equipped with relevant and up-to-date knowledge and skills that align with the demands of the job market.

The university also provides ample opportunities for practical learning through internships, industry collaborations, and research projects. This practical exposure allows students to apply their theoretical knowledge in real-world scenarios and gain valuable hands-on experience.

Biomedical and Robotic Engineering, Civil Environmental Engineering and Computer Science and Design Engineering branches which are challenging and up-to-date with modern practices and techniques that will enable students to succeed upon graduation. In the First year the college has good strength of students.

WHY CHOOSE MUSE?

Students should consider choosing courses at Mysore University School of Engineering for several compelling reasons. Firstly, Mysore University has a long-standing reputation for academic excellence and is recognized as one of the premier educational

ATMECE Pacesetters for the Future Society

Choosing the right college is a crucial decision that can significantly impact one's future. It serves as a key that unlocks a world of opportunities for personal growth and meaningful contributions to society. ATME College of Engineering recognises the magnitude of this choice and strives to provide aspiring students with an exceptional educational experience.

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WHY ATME?

- Futuristic infrastructure with modern facilities.
- Highly qualified, experienced and dedicated faculty members.
- Strong Collaborations with leading industries for real world exposure.
- Career counseling and guidance programs for personalized career development.
- Encouragement of research and innovation among students and faculty.
- Wide range of extracurricular activities for all-round development.
- Dedicated placement cell for comprehensive career support.

RESEARCH & INNOVATION

Research is an essential pillar for any technical institution to create an innovation ecosystem. ATMECE has a dedicated Research wing to nurture and promote various research activities such as publication of research articles, presentation of innovative ideas in National/International conferences, publication of book chapters, the evolution of innovative projects, etc.

The Institution has Research Centres set up to motivate both internal faculties and external researchers to carry out their research work. ATMECE has an IPR cell through which faculty & students are guided and encouraged to apply for patents. The institution organises international conferences annually with the title 'International Conference on Recent Trends in Science and Technology-ICRTST with an intent to bring about innovative ideas of academicians, industry professionals, researchers, scholars, and students of various streams in Science and Technology.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Every year ATMECE celebrates its annual fest ATMEYA, with various themes to meet societal needs such as "Amar Jawan" (Financial help for Martyr's family), "Lead the Blind" (Financial support to Divyaang), "Arise awake adopt Orphans", 'Live and Let Live" (Adoption of Wild Animals), "Regreening our Planet" (Planting the Tree) and "Protecting the Lives of Life Savers" (Helping Forest Front Line Workers).

The Institution has been recognised by Indian Red Cross Society for its outstanding efforts towards organising Voluntary Blood Donation Camp consistently every year.

AFFILIATIONS AND ACCREDITATIONS

NATIONAL BOARD OF ACCREDITATION (NBA):
NBA an Autonomous body established by AICTE to promote and recognise excellence in technical education in colleges and universities. NBA accreditation is a process of quality assurance and improvement. It is done as per Washington accord which was signed by many countries including USA, UK and other Asian and European countries. ATMECE proudly stand among very few colleges which got accreditation within a span of 8 years of its establishment. And after three years again got reaccredited.

NAAC
NAAC is another accreditation agency constituted under UGC which conducts assessment and accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions (HEI) in India. NAAC evaluates the institutions for its conformance to the standards of quality in terms of performance related to the educational processes and outcomes, curriculum coverage, teaching-learning processes, etc. ATMECE is the first and only Engineering college in Mysore to have got A+ grade ranking from NAAC in its first cycle itself.

QS I-GAUGE
QS I-Gauge is a comprehensive and independent rating system for India's universities and colleges. ATMECE, in its first attempt, received Gold rating; again the first Engineering College in Mysore to achieve such a distinction.

BEST PRACTICES

ATMECE has adopted several best Practices to improve overall efficiency of the system.

Use of SRS (Student Response System) in the class

In a class, usually, we find students with different learning abilities. It is sometimes a challenging task to find out who has understood the topics taught and who has not. If a faculty gets an idea about the understanding levels of each student on each topic in advance, it will help plan his/her future classes and evaluation process.

The faculty prepares a set of MCQs on the topics covered (usually one per module), with appropriate illustrations or videos. All the prepared questions with key answers are fed into the SRS using a computer installed with the SRS software. The computer is connected to the projector in the classroom. A response pad is issued to each student before the exercise. The response pad of each student has an individual identity(numbered) and is mapped to a particular student before the test. The questions are displayed on the screen followed by choices below each question. Once all the questions are answered, the faculty ends the session. The results of the quiz could be immediately shown on the screen. This allows all the students about their individual performance. More importantly, it provides valuable data to the faculty about the understanding of the topics by the students.

VIDYASARE

The scheme aims to provide freeship /scholarship to 50 students getting admission at 1-year level, in appreciation of their outstanding achievements in academic, co-curricular, sports and extra-curricular activities.

ATMECE also organizes National level Hackathon every year at the college premises and provides a platform for bright minds of India to develop Innovative solutions to the everyday problems. The event runs non-stop for 36 hours.

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